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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-9896) (MAIL)
SAC, BALTIMORE (161-3620)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE
KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OF 10/15/73; AND LA NITEL TO BUREAU,
10/19/73, NO COPY BALTIMORE.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BALTIMORE
10/23/73.

FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, WFO INTERVIEW OF REPORTER
WITH NEW YORK TIMES REVEALED STORY ABOUT FORD'S ALLEGED ROLE
IN FORMATION OF CORPORATION IN CALIFORNIA DEALING WITH PROPOSED
IMPORT-EXPORT TRANSACTION INVOLVING RED CHINESE BUSINESS
MEN. FORD HAD BEEN IN RED CHINA IN 1972 ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES, WHERE OTHER PARTICIPANTS
IN PROPOSED CORPORATION RESIDE, HAS FAILED TO SHOW THAT FORD
WAS INVOLVED. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DIRECTORS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, LOS ANGELES, REFLECTED THAT [REDACTED] THROUGH A THIRD PARTY (NAME UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]) WAS CONTACTED ONE YEAR AGO BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] UNTIL 9/30/73, [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISCUSSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUSINESS DEALING WITH THE IMPORTING OF GOODS FROM RED CHINA AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES. HE SUBMITTED A MERCHANDISE LIST OF POSSIBLE GOODS TO [REDACTED] FOR HIS JUDGEMENT AND APPRAISAL.

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATED THE MARKET AND FOUND THE GOODS OVER PRICED. HE TOLD [REDACTED] TO FORGET ANY INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH A BUSINESS. AT NO TIME DID [REDACTED] EVER HEAR OF FORD'S POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION.

[REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED], ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND.

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BALTIMORE INTERVIEW [] FOR KNOWLEDGE OF DESCRIBED
TRANSACTION AND HIS CONTACT WITH [] ASCERTAIN ANY
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF FORD.

BUREAU NOW REQUEST NINE COPIES OF EACH REPORT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10/23/73

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Director Sec'y ☐

Reference is made to my memorandum to you 10/19/73 (copy attached) concerning Jack Anderson's column of the same date reporting information about Representative Ford received from a microphone surveillance on Fred B. Black in 1963. We have received a letter from Senator Howard W. Cannon, Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration, which will hold hearings on the nomination of Representative Ford to be Vice President. Senator Cannon forwards to us an anonymous letter which refers to the microphone surveillance of Black and alleges the information received indicates Black was a friend of "Jerry Ford" and the "tapes" show the extent of discussions between "Jerry Ford" and Black. Senator Cannon requests the Bureau to check out the allegations and to report back to the committee.

In line with the departmental orders regarding the confidentiality of our files and the recommended procedures set forth in the 10-17-73 memorandum of the External Affairs Division (copy attached) the Senator is being advised his request is being referred to the Acting Attorney General. We are advising the Acting Attorney General of the referral of Senator Cannon's request to him and we are furnishing him background information on the microphone surveillance on Fred B. Black. He is also advised of the information contained in our initial report on Representative Ford. He is further advised that we did not comment in our report that the logs did show a call to Representative Ford from a person who may be identical with Earl Blaik, an AVCO official and former football coach. The Acting Attorney General is advised of the submission of the logs of the microphone surveillance to him previously and of the fact that the Sheraton Corporation of America and the FBI are defendant in a civil suit entered by Black. The dissemination of any information regarding the microphone surveillance logs is being left to the discretion of the Department.

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ACTION: That the attached letter to Senator Cannon and the memorandum to the Acting Attorney General be sent.

Encs. - sent 10/23/73

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Bowers

1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Bruggeman

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Mr. Cleveland

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

In Jack Anderson's column this morning (10/19/73) (attached), he states it will be interesting to see whether the FBI tells the senators about the incident in 1963 when the FBI inadvertently eavesdropped on a telephone call that AVCO Official Earl (Red) Blaik made to Ford. Anderson continues that Blaik was seeking Ford's intervention to block an investigation of AVCO's handling of an Army contract at its Crosley plant. Anderson quotes from part of the logs obtained during the investigation of Fred B. Black, Jr., a lobbyist.

In two previous columns on 12/28/67 and 4/10/71 (attached), Anderson also reported similar information in more detail from a microphone surveillance in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel room of Black in April, 1963. The information reported by Anderson was in a Washington Field airtel 4/30/63 reporting conversations in Black's log. This airtel was part of our files furnished to the Department, the court, and defense attorneys during the 1967 trial of Black.

In our current report on Gerald Ford, we have included copies of Anderson's 1967 and 1971 columns and in the report a statement is made that at the request of the Department, we did conduct an investigation involving AVCO Corporation in 1963 based on allegations that two individuals may have received payments for having influenced the awarding of a defense contract to AVCO. The Department advised at the completion of the investigation there was no basis for prosecution. Congressman Ford was not involved or mentioned during the AVCO investigation.

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- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- ① - Mr. Bruggeman

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ENCLOSURE

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

We have not included in our current report a verbatim transcript of the logs from the microphone surveillance. These logs do indicate a call from an individual identifying himself as Blake (phonetic) who may be identical with Earl Black, an AVCO official and former football coach to Congressman Ford. The logs contain other references to a "Jerry" but do not contain a direct statement indicating a request for Congressman Ford's intervention in the AVCO investigation. Our files do not show any investigation of Ford to determine if he did intervene in the AVCO investigation although the AVCO case was under investigation in Washington and Cincinnati in April, 1963. A copy of the Washington Field airtel of 4/30/63 is attached and pertinent references to "Jerry" are indicated on pages 3, 4, 5, and 8.

Although the fact that we had a microphone surveillance on Fred Black has appeared in the public press on numerous occasions, the contents of our logs in the case have not been made public other than being furnished to the court, defense attorneys, and the Department, and, of course, their appearance in Anderson's columns. Inquiry was made as to how Anderson came into possession of our airtel summarizing the logs, and it is believed he received the information through copies furnished to the defense attorneys. The logs do not prove or disprove that Ford intervened in the AVCO case, and as previously stated, we conducted no investigation to determine if he did. We have stated in our report that during the AVCO case, his name was not mentioned. It is therefore felt that we have reported sufficiently in this matter.

ACTION:

For information.

Mr. Callahan

10-17-73

R. R. Franck


GERALD R. FORD
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

You inquired concerning our possible liaison responsibilities with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the House Committee on Judiciary which will be conducting hearings concerning Ford's nomination as Vice President.

Inspector Bowers received a call on Friday, 10-12-73, from Jerome Zeifman, General Counsel of the House Committee on Judiciary, inquiring about the procedures for the Committee to take so members could obtain access to results of any FBI investigation of Ford. Zeifman explained he had had no request as yet from his Chairman, Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-N.J.), but he wanted to be in a position to correctly advise him when he did inquire about an FBI investigation of Ford. Zeifman explained confirmation hearings are an uncharted field for House Committees. He said he is aware of the arrangements in existence whereby the Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman receives information from FBI investigations regarding nominees going before that Committee, and he would hope a similar arrangement can be made for his Committee with respect to the Vice Presidential nomination. Zeifman was advised that we conduct investigations on Presidential nominees only upon request and that any access to the results of these investigations would have to be cleared by the Attorney General. It was suggested Chairman Rodino contact the Attorney General in this regard.

Bowers advised John Duffner in the Deputy Attorney General's Office concerning this inquiry since Duffner handles all confirmation matters for the Department. Duffner stated a similar inquiry had been received in the Department from William Cocarano, Staff Director of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. Duffner said he would promptly discuss this matter with the Attorney General's Office and would let us know if any further action was necessary concerning these inquiries. The above information was promptly furnished to the Special Investigative Division.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Franck

 Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Bowers

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R. R. Franck to Mr. Callahan Memo
RE: GERALD R. FORD

As a normal procedure, the FBI does not become directly involved from a liaison capacity in matters concerning confirmation of Presidential appointments, such function being handled by Department of Justice personnel. An exception to this rule recently occurred with respect to a confirmation pending before the Senate Finance Committee wherein the Department specifically requested Bowers to handle a contact with Senator Russell Long (D-La.), Chairman of that Committee, concerning this confirmation. Bowers handled this contact following approval by the Director.

We do have excellent relations with both Committees involved in the Ford confirmation hearings. Both Zeilman and Cochrane are known personally to Bowers who has dealt with them for several years. In addition, we have had cordial relations with all Members of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee which is Chaired by Senator Howard Cannon (D-Nev.) with Senator Marlow Cook (R-Ill.) being the Ranking Minority Member. There are seven other Members of the Committee. There are 38 Members of the House Committee on Judiciary which is Chaired by Congressman Rodino with Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-Mich.) being the Ranking Minority Member. We have good relations with Rodino and Hutchinson and have a number of other friends on this Committee. This Committee also has a number of Members who have been FBI critics in the past.

Conversations with Senate staff personnel concerned with the Ford nomination late on 10-18-73 revealed the Senate Committee hopes to start its hearings on or about 10-30-73 with the anticipation the hearings will last about a week. The Committee obviously is planning to have the hearings televised. Ford will be the first witness. Senate personnel anticipate the nomination may be settled in the Senate by around 11-16-73. It is probable the Senate and House Committee hearings will be going on at the same time. Ford is expected at this time to appear before the Senate Committee first. Speculation is that the nomination will be cleared by both Houses by around 11-16-73 unless some unexpected problem arises.

It is doubtful the FBI will receive any direct liaison requests concerning the Ford confirmation hearings since the channel of communication between the Committees already has been established with the Department of Justice and our investigation of Ford already is in progress. It is felt if we do receive such inquiries or requests for information these should be referred to the Department of Justice, and we should take no action without instructions from the Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we refer any liaison inquiries from the Congress regarding the Ford confirmation matter to the Department of Justice.

HOWARD W. CANNON, NEV., CHAIRMAN
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MEMBER (MINORITY)

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 18, 1973

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the United States Senate is authorized by action of the Senate on October 13, 1973, to investigate, hold hearings, consider, and report on the nomination of the Honorable Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States.

I have been assured that your Agency has already begun an exhaustive investigation of his qualifications. I want to thank you for your complete cooperation.

As Chairman of the Committee I have received an anonymous letter, copy of which is enclosed, which I would like for the Bureau of Investigation to check out its allegations and report back to our Committee.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation, I remain

Sincerely,

Howard W. Cannon
HOWARD W. CANNON
Chairman

Enclosure

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and Mr. [unclear]
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It is imperative that consideration of Jerry Ford's qualifications for the Vice Presidency include an investigation of his relationship with Fred Black ten or more years ago when Black was Washington lobbyist for Rockwell International Corporation, then named North American Aviation, Inc.

Before Fred Black was indicted, convicted and jailed for income tax evasion, the FBI engaged in electronic eavesdropping on his suite at the Sheraton Carlton in Washington via the so-called "spike mike" technique. Thousands of hours of conversation were recorded on tapes. The tapes established that Fred Black, an unsavory character whose suite was frequented by prostitutes and gamblers, was a first-name friend of Jerry Ford, whose many conversations with Black involved more than legislative discussions. The tapes will show the extent to which Jerry Ford discussed financial and other matters with Black.

The FBI made logs of the tapes which presumably contain accurate summaries of the contents of the Fred Black tapes, including the portions relating to Jerry Ford. Prudence suggests that those logs should be examined by the Senate Rules Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

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The Acting Attorney General

Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Franck
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1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Bruggeman

October 23, 1973

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated October 18, 1973, from Senator Howard W. Cannon advising of the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the United States Senate in connection with the nomination of Representative Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States. Senator Cannon requests this Bureau to check out an anonymous allegation received by the committee and report back to the committee. A copy of our acknowledgement of Senator Cannon's letter is also enclosed advising him of our policy to refer such requests for investigation or information from our files to you in accordance with departmental orders regarding the confidentiality of our records.

The enclosure to Senator Cannon's letter requests investigation of the relationship about ten years ago between Representative Ford and Fred B. Black, Jr., a Washington lobbyist, who was brought to trial for income tax evasion and was subsequently acquitted. The letter refers to a microphone surveillance which this Bureau had in 1963 in a suite of rooms maintained by Black in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C. The letter also alleges Black was a "first-name friend of Jerry Ford" and had many conversations involving more than legislative discussions with Ford. It further alleges the "tapes" will show the extent to which Representative Ford discussed financial and other matters with Black. The letter states the logs of the surveillance should be examined by the Senate Rules Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

Our initial report of the current investigation of Representative Ford which was furnished to the Deputy Attorney General on October 19, 1973, enclosed two columns of "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" dated December 28, 1967, and April 10, 1971. These columns refer to the microphone surveillance of Black and allege Representative Ford intervened for AVCO Corporation which was the subject of investigation by this Bureau in 1963. Our report on Representative Ford states

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The Acting Attorney General:

A limited investigation at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was conducted concerning allegations involving the AVCO Corporation and upon completion of that investigation the determination was made by the Criminal Division that there was no basis for criminal action. Representative Ford's name was not involved or mentioned during the AVCO Corporation investigation. Jack Anderson's column in "The Washington Post" on October 19, 1971, again referred to the above matter.

We did not comment on the microphone surveillance of Black in our previous report on Representative Ford. The logs of that surveillance do indicate a call was made to Representative Ford on April 24, 1961, from the hotel suite of Black by an individual identifying himself as Black (phonetic) who may be identical with Earl Black, an AVCO official and former football coach. The logs contain other references to a "Black" but it is not known if he is identical with Representative Ford. We did not conduct any investigation to determine if Representative Ford did intervene in the AVCO Corporation investigation. We have no information indicating the degree of association, if any, between Black and Representative Ford.

Summaries of the logs of the aforementioned microphone surveillance were furnished by memorandum dated August 14, 1967, to the then Attorney General in response to a request from Mr. Mitchell Rogovin, then Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division. Mr. Rogovin's request was dated August 10, 1967, Department file 1-43-665.

Black has entered a suit against the Sheraton Corporation of America and the FBI as a result of the aforementioned microphone surveillance at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel between February 7, 1961, and April 25, 1961. The plaintiff in this matter is attempting to obtain the complete FBI Headquarters file for review. The Civil Division of the Department of Justice is currently representing the United States Government in this suit.

In view of the aforementioned civil suit currently pending, any dissemination of the information contained in the logs involved in the Black case is being left to the discretion of the Department.

Enclosures (3)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE
Date: October 24, 1973
Field Office File #: 161-3620 Bureau File #: 161-9896
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Annapolis, Maryland, [REDACTED]
Diversified Business International Limited [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised
he has no information appointee connected with Directors
Financial Corporation or with any other import-export
business involving Red China.

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Details: On October 24, 1973, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Annapolis, Maryland, advised that
he was formerly employed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and he presently
[REDACTED] Diversified Business Services International
Limited. He advised this company is involved in export-
import business and that approximately in September, 1972
he was attempting to enter a business arrangement with
[REDACTED] Directors Financial Corporation
at Los Angeles, California, whereby [REDACTED] would handle
seven or eight state area in the Western part of the
United States for Diversified Business Services Inter-
national Limited. He stated no contract was made and
that to his knowledge [REDACTED] never had any contact with
the appointee in such a business.

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[] advised he was personally acquainted with the appointee while he was employed as [] and that he had no information the appointee was connected in any way with export-import business which possibly could have involved businessmen of Red China. He knew of no third party who may have contacted the appointee or [] to arrange such a business connection.

[] advised he had no derogatory information concerning the appointee and no reason to question his character, reputation or loyalty to the United States. He recommended him highly for a position of Vice President of the United States.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.,
LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OF 10/15/73.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF 10/24/73.

ON 2/12/71 AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON
POST ALLEGED THAT DURING 1970 CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN,
APPOINTEE RECEIVED \$11,500 IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS NOT
LISTED ON HIS SWORN STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES. THIS MONEY WAS APPARENTLY IN ACCESS OF THE AMOUNT
LIMITING APPOINTEE ^{BY} FOR MICHIGAN LAW.

FORD ENDORSED THIS \$11,500 AND TURNED IT OVER TO THE
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. IT WAS THEN TRANSFERRED
TO THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, OF
WHICH CURTIS R. FULTON WAS THEN DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. THIS
LATTER OFFICE THEN DISBURSED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF

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FULTON IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT INDIAN CLAIMS DIVI-
SION, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, ROOM 300, 900 SOUTH
WASHINGTON STREET, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA (PHONE 557-0630).

ALEXANDRIA ASCERTAIN FROM FULTON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS
TRANSACTION AND WHETHER THIS DEALING WITH FORD WAS ORDI-
NARILY PROCEDURE. DETERMINE ^{WHY} ~~WHETHER~~ AMOUNT DISBURSED SO
CLOSELY COINCIDED WITH \$11,500 TURNED OVER BY FORD.

WFO INVESTIGATION THIS DATE AT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE DETERMINED THAT POSSIBLE RECORDS RELATING
TO THIS NEWSPAPER STORY ARE NOW DESTROYED.

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TO: SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (161-1355)
GERALD R. FORD, SPIN, BUDED PAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF KNOXVILLE, CONGRESSMAN FORD,
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, HAS FLOWN ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS
SINCE 1/1/68, ON A LOCKHEED LEAR STAR AIRPLANE, REGISTRATION
NUMBER 511L OWNED BY LEAR SIEGLER COMPANY, INSTRUMENT DIVISION,
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

INQUIRY AT LEAR SIEGLER, GRAND RAPIDS, HAS DETERMINED
THAT THE CHIEF PILOT WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
BY LEAR SIEGLER FOR 17 YEARS IS CURRENTLY AT THE KNOXVILLE
AIRPORT, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, HAVING ABOVE AIRCRAFT SERVICED...
HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO GRAND RAPIDS UNTIL 10/25/73.

SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED CONCERNING USE OF
LEAR SIEGLER PLANE BY MR. FORD AND FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSED
WITH HIM:

1. WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY AT LEAR SIEGLER
COMPANY OF ALLOWING THE PLANE USAGE, POLICY OF THE COMPANY.
2. HOW WERE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MR. FORD TO USE

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THE AIRCRAFT.

3. WHO ELSE TRAVELED WITH MR. FORD AND WAS TRIP
EVER SPECIFICALLY ARRANGED FOR MR. FORD WHEN HE USED THE
LEAR'S PLANE.

4. WHAT IS A FREQUENCY OF NON-COMPANY USAGE.

5. WHAT CRITERIA IS USED TO DETERMINE WHO
FLIES ON THE AIRPLANE.

6. WHAT HAS MR. FORD DONE FOR THE COMPANY,
PARTICULARLY OF ANYTHING OF INFLUENCE OF WHICH PILOT IS
AWARE.

7. DID MR. FORD EVER REIMBURSE THE COMPANY FOR
USE OF THE PLANE, AND IF SO, TO WHOM.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Director Sec'y _____

TO : The Director

DATE: 10/24/73

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

By memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland, captioned as above, dated October 23, 1973, you approved a statement of policy concerning the refusal to disclose or provide access to FBI files. You further approved that I would accompany Pat McSweeney to confer with the representatives of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. (Memorandum W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Callahan, 10/23/73, captioned as above.)

We met with William Cochran, Chief Counsel of the Committee, and Joseph O'Leary, Minority Counsel, in Senator Cannon's office. Senator Cannon was represented by his Administrative Assistant Chester Sobsey.

McSweeney stated that the purpose of our visit was to explain that access to FBI investigative files concerning Mr. Ford would be made available only to the Chairman of the Committee, and to the ranking Republican member of the Committee. He said that no staff members would have access and that the review by the two Senators would be limited to a personal review in the presence of a representative of the Acting Attorney General. The Committee counsel requested the presence of a knowledgeable FBI representative in order to assist in the review.

They raised the issue of whether the Senators would be permitted to take notes during the review and McSweeney advised that the Department would not agree to having notes taken. The Committee counsel advised that access to the FBI investigative reports was desired as soon as possible and they requested a letter be prepared for the Acting Attorney General's signature stating the conditions under which access would be permitted.

Encl.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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Re: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

They also requested that the letter indicate the authority for the policy of restriction. That is, whether the White House had approved the limited access. Finally, they requested the Department's representative to mark relevant passages in the FBI reports to assist the Senators in their review.

While this discussion was only tentative and neither side was authorized to make a final commitment, it appeared to me that the Committee representatives were reluctant to accept the proposal of limited access and that a letter from the Acting Attorney General to the Chairman of the Committee will likely result in a counter-proposal by the Committee.

I explained to the Committee representatives the FBI's interest in maintaining confidentiality of our files was based on our concern for individual privacy and our need to maintain channels of communication with witnesses and sources of information who cooperate with us only on a confidential basis. I pointed out that if it became apparent that the results of FBI interviews were leaked by disclosure of our investigative reports beyond that which is essential, the FBI would be greatly hampered in carrying out our responsibilities.

McSweeney and I returned to the Department shortly after 4:00 p. m. and proceeded to jointly prepare a draft of a letter for the signature of the Acting Attorney General. At 5:00 p. m. McSweeney had to depart for a conference with the Acting Attorney General. He took with him the original pages of our draft letter and indicated he would discuss this matter with you if an opportunity arose. I secured a Xerox copy of each page and upon my return to the Bureau discussed this matter with Associate Director Callahan and Assistant Director Cleveland. I furnished Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Callahan each with a copy of the draft of the letter and a copy is attached for your information.

McSweeney and I will complete the draft of the letter and will submit the letter for your approval prior to its submission to the Acting Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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ADDENDUM BY LEGAL COUNSEL, 10/24/73, JAM:mfd

McSweeney and I completed the draft of the proposed letter on the morning of October 24, 1973. Attached is a copy of the draft, the final version of which is apparently being typed in the Department. McSweeney's office will await your approval of this version of the letter prior to submitting to the Acting Attorney General.

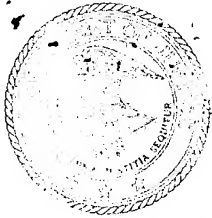
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That you approve the attached draft of the proposed letter.

2. That you advise me so that I may furnish your approval to Mr. McSweeney in order for the letter to be submitted immediately to the Acting Attorney General.

McSweeney advised of Director's
approval at 12⁴⁷ p 10/24/73. JAM





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October 24, 1973

Honorable Howard W. Cannon
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter will provide the Committee on Rules and Administration with the guidelines and procedures which the Department of Justice feels will be most appropriate for the handling of the investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the nomination of Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States, which nomination is pending with your Committee.

Recognizing the need for careful consideration of all investigative reports regarding the nominee, we would propose to provide ^{only} you and the ranking Republican member of your Committee with access to the FBI investigative reports in their entirety, rather than summaries thereof. At the same time, however, to insure to the greatest extent possible that you will be provided with all relevant materials in a fashion that fully safeguards the rights and interests of innocent parties against improper disclosure, access to such investigative reports should be strictly limited and should not extend to ^{other} ^{members or} Committee staff members. In addition, all such FBI materials should remain in the custody of officials of the Department of Justice, who will make these files available for your personal review in a manner that is mutually agreeable. No materials will be left with the Committee, but will be returned to the Department of Justice at the conclusion of each session during which they are available for your personal review. To assist you in reviewing the voluminous investigative reports, a knowledgeable FBI representative will accompany my representative and will be present during the review.

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The Director of the FBI has advised me that the experience of the FBI clearly indicates that disclosure of, or access to, investigative reports should be very narrowly circumscribed to protect innocent parties from publication of unfounded allegations. The risk of improper disclosure of raw FBI investigative data increases greatly where the number of individuals to whom such data is made available is not held to the very minimum. The policy of limited access is based on an obvious need to protect individual privacy, ~~and in some instances to protect the lives of persons where FBI investigations have required confidential inter-~~ views. Even disclosure of information which is true and accurate can be harmful to innocent persons or undermine procedural fairness. It is absolutely essential that citizens of this country be able to speak to agents of the FBI without fear. The threat of disclosure and subsequent retribution would impose an intolerable burden on the freedom of communication. Equally important, disclosure of FBI files would deny to the FBI needed information in possession of persons who, because of a natural reluctance, would be unwilling to assist in an investigation if they had reason to believe that their information would not be held in confidence. *In that regard, it is probable that Members of Congress interviewed by the FBI during the current investigation would not want their comments subject to widespread disclosure.* The events of the last several months have made us acutely aware of the dangers involved in the improper disclosure of information furnished on a confidential basis. Every effort should be made to preserve the confidentiality of these reports and to protect against leaks of sensitive information from these reports. Such unauthorized disclosures would not only prejudice the nominee, but would harm innocent persons, and impair the ability of the FBI to carry out thorough investigations in the future.

The procedure set forth in this letter is entirely consistent with the approach traditionally followed in connection with confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee. During the hearings earlier this year on the nomination of L. Patrick Gray III to be Director of the FBI, Mr. Gray departed from that tradition, prompting the American Civil Liberties Union to write to the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee to voice its concern over

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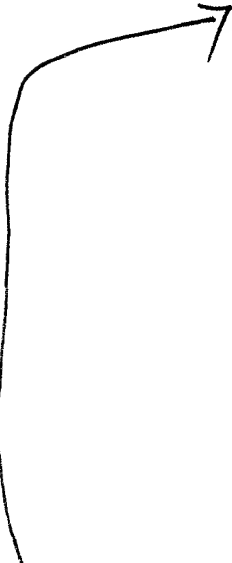
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Mr. Gray's offer "to turn over all of the FBI files on the Watergate case to members of the Senate." That offer was not made upon the authority of the Attorney General and was quickly withdrawn on orders of the Attorney General. The ACLU perceived that such an arrangement might "affect the rights of individuals to their privacy and to procedural fairness during this legislative investigation."

We feel the approach outlined above will serve the Committee's legitimate needs and interests, while protecting innocent persons and safeguarding the interests of the public by maintaining the FBI capacity to collect critically important information.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Bork
Acting Attorney General



I have apprised the appropriate officials in the White House of the concerns and suggested procedures set forth above. William Timmons, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, advises me that the White House defers to the Department of Justice on these issues involving availability of FBI investigative reports.

Sincerely

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Bowers
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Auerswald

The Acting Attorney General

October 24, 1973

Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 19, 1973, which furnished the Attorney General the partial results of investigation concerning Gerald Rudolph Ford, United States Representative from Michigan. Enclosed are the results of additional investigation concerning Representative Ford, the results of which are also being furnished to General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House. Two extra copies of the results are being furnished to you in the event The White House desires that they be furnished to the appropriate Congressional Committees.

Summarizing generally the results of the enclosed material, we have now interviewed over 500 additional persons concerning Representative Ford. The interviews are generally favorable but some persons expressed opposition to his nomination for various reasons, such as the Vice Presidency is "over his head"; he does not have the intellectual "horsepower" for the Presidency; he is a Republican; he is not capable of assuming the Presidency due to lack of perception and judgment; and his voting record in Congress.

Joseph Rauh, Vice Chairman, Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), Washington, D. C., has stated to the press that the ADA opposed Representative Ford's nomination. Mr. Rauh, upon interview, stated that he and the ADA are opposed to the confirmation of Representative Ford only because it is felt he has a "very poor" voting record. He stated he is aware of nothing of a derogatory nature in Representative Ford's background. Representative Donald M. Fraser of Minnesota, National Chairman of the ADA, advised in Washington, D. C.,

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Investigation has indicated that in 1943 Representative Ford went into a partnership with Harry Campbell, now deceased, in the formation of a model agency for the War Relocation Authority contributing \$1000. Investigation has advised that he had no direct participation in the business and in 1944, while he was in the military service, the partnership of Campbell and Ford dissolved their partnership. Campbell said his original investment was \$1000. Representative Ford said he had begun to suspect Campbell of being untruthful with regard to the formation of the partnership.

London, England, in 1957. The Washington Post was a
and there was a similar "Communist" edition which visited
very soon thereafter and reported that a group of
Americans had organized a group in the effort that
for the purpose of "aid in China, and arrangements
made to the United States. It was inferred that a fund to
will there (and was to be set up with no mention being made

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *WMA*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OSCAH*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10-25-73

Mr. Kelley has asked to be advised concerning an item in Victor Riesel's column of 10-18-73 datelined Bal Harbour, Florida, which states "A phone call from the FBI came into the special convention headquarters suite of labor chief George Meany on the eve of the massive union conclave here. The caller said he had been dispatched by the White House to seek labor's opinion on the Spiro Agnew-Gerald Ford switch. Meany made an appointment with the special agent. I don't know what was said. I can guess..."

At the outset of this investigation the field was specifically instructed to contact national labor leaders for their comments concerning Mr. Ford. This is done in selected cases when we feel that the office involved is of sufficient stature to merit such comments. As a matter of fact these instructions are given in all Federal judgeship cases as a matter of routine. The field was also instructed, in accordance with the wishes of The White House, to advise persons interviewed that the investigation was being conducted at the request of The White House. The field was also instructed to make specific inquiries into Mr. Ford's financial background, including campaign contributions.

The Miami report in this case indicates Mr. Meany was interviewed by appointment on 10-17-73 at the Americana Hotel in Bal Harbour. He was advised that a special inquiry was being conducted concerning Mr. Ford at the request of The White House. Meany immediately stated he could not understand why it was necessary to investigate a man of Mr. Ford's position and

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that he had nothing further to say regarding Mr. Ford. He was again advised the investigation was being conducted at the request of The White House and he indicated he was opposed to such an investigation and had nothing further to say. He then added he knew Mr. Ford "only slightly" and knew "nothing against him." When asked if he had any knowledge from any sources regarding Mr. Ford's financial matters or campaign fund contributions he stated he had no information in that regard.

Mr. Meany's comments were furnished to The White House and the Department of Justice.

ACTION:

For the Director's information.

Since Riesel has in the past been favorably disposed toward Bureau I recommend he be contacted by A.D. Franck. The Bureau has and facts of contact explained.

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Oust Nixon and Congressional Conservatives By Victor Ries

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Meany made an appointment with the special agent.

I don't know what was said. I can guess. The labor leader doesn't get ulcers. He gives them---and as the AFL-CIO's tenth constitutional convention rolled on, he handed them out profusely to President Nixon in particular and to conservative Republicans in general.

Meany warned of labor's political power. He could have saved his razor-edged words. This power was obvious

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Almost endlessly the U.S. Senators pour in, meet quietly with the AFL-CIO's whirlwindish political director Al Barkan, make the rounds of big union presidents and are cheered by thousands of delegates, alternates and friends.

But George Meany took no chance on any of this being misinterpreted by President Nixon and the latter's congressional supporters. Meany laid it on the line. Labor is being geared to attempt to drive the non-labor Congressmen from office.

Meany and his political strategists warned they were already in the battle of 1974, concentrating on 15 marginal Senate races and about 80 House districts.

"Today, one year after one of the most divisive election years in our history," Meany told cheering delegates, most of whom realistically double as political leaders, "I think it is accurate to say that the labor movement is more widely respected for its political clout than ever before.

"And I mean by both parties. And I think our COPE (Committee on Political Education) is stronger and more effective today than ever before.

"We have a lot going for us---and we have got to put it all to work next year to elect a Congress that can get this country back on the track again.

"We need a Congress that has the numbers and the will to override every veto the President can throw at us... There are tough battles ahead."

There was Meany's blunt warning of labor's attempt to purge Congress of labor's enemies.

No overheated rhetorical threat this. Meany's strength is proven by COPE's report to the convention in the Hotel Americana where the delegates are so militant they stopped non-union carpenters from laying a new lobby carpet, a non-union barber from shaving customers and kept a non-union TV cameraman from covering some of the news.

Few but inside observers realize that labor's COPE truly is thenation's biggest political machine. In 1972, for example, more than 110,000 volunteers participated in the registration of union members and families and the get-out-the-vote drive. In all, more than a million hours were spent on checking lists, canvassing, telephoning, preparation and distribution of material, running election-day car pools and baby-sitting operations.

This was a record number of COPE volunteers in its 18-year-old history---meaning in any American election.

Significantly they rolled up 90 per cent registration in five states and well over 80 per cent in nine states. And they were heavy in other areas.

COPE itself spent considerably over \$2 million, not counting its own half-million dollars in headquarters salaries. Thousands of local unions spent millions of additional dollars. Millions of leaflets and flyers, special radio and television announcements in support of labor-backed candidates and a million copies of congressional voting records were poured by labor into marginal races. And says the COPE report, "These were some of the services...made available to AFL-CIO members."

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There were special campaigns for labor votes amongst the youth, the blacks, the nation's retirees. In all, COPE is a political party in everything but name and does have the fabulous "clout" of which Meany boasts.

Labor would have whipped up its war on Dick Nixon far more fiercely were it not for the united Arab attack on Israel. The union chiefs almost to a man back Jerusalem. They don't want to weaken President Nixon's hand at the moment. But they have declared war on Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. He did not answer Meany's telegram urging immediate aid to Israel. And they disagree with his statements on detente with Moscow and Peking.

However, Meany did declare political war. This convention has been an almost hourly rally for Democrats in '74 and '76.

This is labor's holy war---the drive for a pro-labor President and Congress---earlier than '76 if possible.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Interview with [REDACTED], Springtown, Pa.,
10/25/73, set forth in details.

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Details:

Based upon interview of Internal Revenue Service Agent,
[REDACTED] on October 18, 1973, at Allentown, Pa.,
by Special Agents of the FBI, [REDACTED] was
contacted at his residence, Springtown, Pa., and furnished the
following information:

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[redacted] Springtown, Pa.,
after being apprised as to the official identities of [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI,
advised as follows:

[redacted] advised prior to making any statements to
Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation re-
garding information he had furnished to Internal Revenue
Service Agent, [redacted], on October 18, 1973, [redacted]
desired to completely clarify with his attorney, [redacted]
Boston, Mass., and Internal Revenue Service authorities, Chicago,
Ill., his immunity status insofar as information he had pre-
viously furnished to Internal Revenue Service. [redacted] stated
he had been scheduled to appear before a Federal Grand Jury,
Chicago, Ill., on October 18, 1973; however, due to a request
for interview by Internal Revenue Service Agent, [redacted], that
same date, his appearance before this Federal Grand Jury had
been postponed indefinitely. [redacted] stated upon notification
as to his status with Internal Revenue Service regarding im-
munity, he would possibly be immune to interview by Special
Agents of the FBI. [redacted] stated he did wish to emphatically
point out that all information furnished to Internal Revenue
Service Agent [redacted] on October 18, 1973, was entirely ac-
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by SA [redacted] RCF:rdg Date dictated 10/25/73

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Chief Pilot, Lear Siegler, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, also a personal acquaintance of Mr. GERALD FORD's, acknowledged transporting Mr. FORD on company aircraft. JOSEPH PARINI, Division President at Siegler, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is responsible for determining aircraft usage although Chief Pilot can initiate transportation arrangements on space available flights with the concurrence of Siegler management. Majority of approximately 10 flights from mid-1950's to present were initiated by the Chief Pilot at no cost to Mr. FORD; however, [REDACTED] believes Mr. FORD made remuneration on flights he initiated. [REDACTED] for Siegler, is person responsible for records substantiating Mr. FORD's remuneration made to Siegler. [REDACTED] does not have knowledge of Mr. FORD using his influence to aid Siegler, Inc.

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DETAILS:

On October 24, 1973, [REDACTED] Chief Pilot, Lear Siegler, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, acknowledged that he transported Mr. FORD on a Lockheed Star airplane and the following was discussed:

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[] advised he is a personal friend of Mr. FORD's whose friendship is based upon an association with mutual friends, including [] member of the 1936 Yale football team where Mr. FORD was assistant coach. He also mentioned [] NEIL WEATHERS, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is Mr. FORD's former law partner.

He said Mr. JOSEPH PARINI, President at Lear Siegler, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the person having responsibility for allowing aircraft usage and the policy at Siegler is to use company aircraft for strictly business affairs.

For example, the aircraft is normally used to transport second and third echelon employees as well as customers. However, since Mr. PARINI had assumed Division Presidency, he has frequently used the aircraft for various company affairs.

Arrangements for Mr. FORD to use the aircraft were made through the division office, although [] based upon his personal friendship with Mr. FORD, would occasionally call Mr. FORD when the aircraft was in Washington, D. C. to ask him if he wanted transportation to Grand Rapids, Michigan, since space was available on the aircraft. This transportation was furnished to Mr. FORD at no cost, however, [] advised that it was the Chief Pilot's prerogative to furnish free transportation on space available flights with the concurrence of Siegler management.

On a few occasions, Mrs. FORD and their children also accompanied Mr. FORD on flights initiated by [] and on one occasion in 1965 on a flight from Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C., [] recalls Mr. MELVIN LAIRD, then a United States Congressman, accompanied Mr. FORD.

There is no rule to determine who flies on the aircraft but the decision is based upon the existing need at the time. For example, a third level technician will be

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flown to a destination in order to solve a specific problem. [] advised that he does not have any direct or indirect knowledge of Mr. FORD's using his influence to assist the Siegler Corporation but assumes Mr. FORD would be complimentary to his firm.

It was understood that Mr. FORD made remuneration to Siegler for flights which Mr. FORD had arranged and that [] for Siegler at Grand Rapids, Michigan, would be the individual responsible for maintaining records of remunerations made by Mr. FORD. Mr. FORD had flown approximately 10 flights with [] since the middle 1950's and only three flights were made since 1968.

[] recalled one flight where Mr. FORD was summoned to Washington, D. C. by President JOHNSON during the Senator KENNEDY assassination crisis, but does not remember the significance of other flights.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 10/25/73

FROM : Legal Counsel *JM*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Director Sec. ☐

At 10:05 a.m. on October 25, 1973, William Cochrane, Chief of Staff of the Senate Rules Committee, telephonically advised me that Senator Cannon has requested the investigative reports concerning Congressman Ford recently submitted to the Department in connection with his nomination to be Vice President be made available at 10:00 a.m. on October 26, 1973, in the office of Senator Cannon for review by the Senator. I advised Mr. Cochrane that I would forward the information appropriately, however, I made no commitments concerning the availability of the information. Mr. Cochrane furnished me his private office telephone number as 180-8378, and requested that should there be any complications he be advised telephonically.

I immediately advised Mr. Callahan of the receipt of this call and suggested that I advise Pat McSweeney. Mr. Callahan agreed and I called Pat McSweeney and advised him of the request received from Mr. Cochrane.

McSweeney said that the letter advising the Senators of the conditions under which the Department was willing to make available FBI reports had been delivered and he assumed that this response from Senator Cannon constituted an acceptance of the conditions imposed by the Department. I asked McSweeney to call Cochrane to verify the fact that the conditions stated in our letter had been accepted before any FBI materials were produced. McSweeney said that he would immediately call Cochrane.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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McSweeney also said that the same conditions are going to be imposed on the House Committee and that although he does not expect it to happen it might occur that the two Senators who have been authorized to review the materials and the two members of the House who will be authorized to review the materials might request an opportunity to conduct their reviews independently but simultaneously. He said that in that event it might be necessary for the FBI to supply four representatives familiar with the investigative materials to be present during the review. Also, a total of four copies of the materials might be needed for that purpose.

He said that the Department has two copies that were submitted for the purpose of review by the Congress, one copy submitted for the Attorney General, and that if necessary he could make available those three copies but it might become necessary for the FBI to furnish one additional copy. I advised him that the Bureau would be reluctant to furnish four representatives and I suggested that McSweeney call Assistant Director Cleveland as soon as the final arrangements have been made with the Congressional Committees to discuss the actual need for FBI representatives and the number of copies of the materials required. McSweeney agreed.

I advised Assistant Director Cleveland of these developments and requested him to handle the call from McSweeney.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

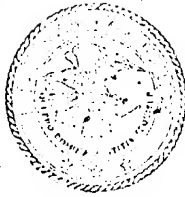
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October 25, 1973

Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
Chairman
Judiciary Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter will provide the Judiciary Committee with the guidelines and procedures which the Department of Justice feels will be most appropriate for the handling of the investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the nomination of Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States, which nomination is pending with your Committee.

Recognizing the need for careful consideration of all investigative reports regarding the nominee, we would propose to provide only you and the ranking Republican member of your Committee with access to the FBI investigative reports in their entirety, rather than summaries thereof. At the same time, however, to insure to the greatest extent possible that you will be provided with all relevant materials in a fashion that fully safeguards the rights and interests of innocent parties against improper disclosure, access to such investigative reports should be strictly limited and should not extend to other Committee members or staff members. In addition, all such FBI materials should remain in the custody of officials of the Department of Justice, who will make those files available for your personal review in a manner that is mutually agreeable. No materials will be left with the Committee, but will be returned to the Department of Justice at the conclusion of each session during which they are available for your personal review. To assist you in reviewing the voluminous investigative reports, a knowledgeable FBI representative will accompany my representative and will be present during the review.

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The Director of the FBI has advised me that the experience of the FBI clearly indicates that disclosure of, or access to, investigative reports should be very narrowly circumscribed to protect innocent parties from publication of unfounded allegations. The risk of improper disclosure of raw FBI investigative data increases greatly where the number of individuals to whom such data is made available is not held to the very minimum. The policy of limited access is based on an obvious need to protect individual privacy. Even disclosure of information which is true and accurate can be harmful to innocent persons or undermine procedural fairness. If a background investigation is to be thorough and exhaustive, the FBI must be able to receive the broadest range of information - some of it confidential. Improper disclosure of FBI files would deny to the FBI needed information in possession of persons who, because of a natural reluctance, would be unwilling to assist in an investigation if they had reason to believe that their information would not be held in confidence. In that regard, it is probable that Members of Congress interviewed by the FBI during the current investigation would not want their comments subject to widespread disclosure.

The events of the last several months have made us acutely aware of the dangers involved in the improper disclosure of information furnished on a confidential basis. Every effort should be made to preserve the confidentiality of these reports and to protect against leaks of sensitive information from these reports. Such unauthorized disclosures would not only prejudice the nominee, but would harm innocent persons, and impair the ability of the FBI to carry out thorough investigations in the future.

The procedure set forth in this letter is entirely consistent with the approach traditionally followed in connection with confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee. During the hearings earlier this year on the nomination of L. Patrick Gray III to be Director of the FBI Mr. Gray departed from that tradition, prompting the American Civil Liberties Union to write to the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee to voice its concern over

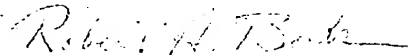
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Mr. Gray's offer "to turn over all of the FBI files on the Watergate case to members of the Senate." That offer was not made upon the authority of the Attorney General and was quickly withdrawn on orders of the Attorney General. The ACLU perceived that such an arrangement might "affect the rights of individuals to their privacy and to procedural fairness during this legislative investigation."

We feel the approach outlined above will serve the Committee's legitimate needs and interests, while protecting innocent persons and safeguarding the interests of the public by maintaining the FBI capacity to collect critically important information. I have apprised the appropriate officials in the White House of the concerns and suggested procedures set forth above. William Timmons, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, advises me that the White House defers to the Department of Justice on these issues involving availability of FBI investigative reports.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Bork
Acting Attorney General

Copy: Honorable Edward Hutchinson

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 10-25-73

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
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There is attached hereto the draft of a letter to Senator Cannon, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, from the Acting Attorney General, which letter went to Senator Cannon dated October 24, 1973. The letter outlines the ground rules to be followed in connection with the review of our reports by the Chairman and Ranking Republican Member of both the Senate and House Committees. The letter also stipulates that a knowledgeable FBI representative will accompany a departmental representative and be present during the review of our reports.

At 11:10 a.m., 10-25-73, Pat McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legislative Affairs, telephonically advised the writer that the October 24 letter (attached) has been accepted by Chairman Cannon and Ranking Republican Senator Cook and the letter has also been accepted by Representative Ed Hutchinson, Ranking Republican of the House Committee. Chairman Rodino of the House Committee has not yet accepted the provisions in the letter, but McSweeney feels that he will do so eventually.

McSweeney advised that Senator Cannon has requested that the reports in connection with the Ford investigation be brought to his office at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, 10-26-73. McSweeney requested that two Agents familiar with these reports accompany him and Charles Ablard of the Deputy Attorney General's office, to Senator Cannon's office. He asked that these two Agents meet in his office at 9:15 a.m., 10-26-73, so that they could review the ground rules in connection with this matter before proceeding to the Hill.

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
 - 1 - Mr. Franck
 - 1 - Mr. Bowers
 - 1 - Mr. Cleveland
 - 1 - Mr. Coleman
 - 1 - Mr. Auerswald
 - 1 - Mr. Bruggeman
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Supervisors Orvis J. Auerswald and Robert L. Bruggeman have worked on the Ford investigation constantly since the case was received, including this past holiday weekend. They are the most knowledgeable therefore of the contents of the voluminous reports (over 1200 pages thus far). They are both supervisors in charge and are highly capable experienced Agents.

ACTION:

It is recommended that SAs Auerswald and Bruggeman be designated to accompany McSweeney and Ablard of the Department to Senator Cannon's office at 10:00 a.m. on 10-26-73, and also to attend a meeting in McSweeney's office at 9:15 a.m. on 10-26-73.

*SAs Auerswald & Bruggeman
advised of approval
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(2) Will continue attempts to interview
 re knowledge of Chinese Trade rumor.

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(3) Will review records pertaining to private
bills introduced by FORD.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Synopsis: Appointee re-interviewed regarding staff members; complimentary comments given. Representative ANDERSON favorably recommends appointee. Information in financial records at Sergeant at Arms office, House of Representatives, set forth. Congressman MICHEL favorably recommends; has no pertinent information regarding appointee's 1970 Congressional Campaign. Chairman, Republican National Committee re-interviewed; had no knowledge of appointee's 1970 campaign. Director of Finance, Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, provided no additional pertinent information. Executive Director of same committee explained campaign techniques; no indication of any mishandling of funds. WILLIAM HILDENBRAND interviewed with favorable comments.

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ENCLOSURES: One (1) copy "New Tax Decisions and Rulings", from September 4, 1973 issue of Daily Tax Report, published by Bureau of National Affairs, Inc,

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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INTERVIEW OF APPOINTEE

Representative GERALD R. FORD advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on October 25, 1973, he has complete faith in the integrity and personal habits of all members of his staff. He said there had been some petty differences of opinion by older female members of his staff following the death of his former Administrative Assistant, FRANK MEYER, and he attributed these minor differences as the direct result of the absence of direction of an administrator of the standing and competence of Mr. MEYER. These differences were soon remedied by the designation of his assistant, ROBERT T. HARTMANN, who assumed the role formerly occupied by Mr. MEYER. He stressed that the temporary differences related to the clerical function of his office do not present any source of embarrassment to him in connection with his nomination. He noted he and Mr. HARTMANN discussed the former staff problems on October 24, 1973, and both concluded there are no further problems there.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on October 25, 1973:

Representative JOHN B. ANDERSON (Illinois) advised he has known the appointee on a close political and personal basis for more than eight years. During this time he has been in his company on numerous occasions in attendance at various social functions sponsored by the House of Representatives during which time the appointee's wife, ELIZABETH, had frequently been present. He also has visited the appointee's residence in Alexandria, Virginia, and has met his children. He has no question concerning their private lives or reputation within the community. He describes the appointee and his wife as being moderate in their personal habits and he at no time has observed them to partake of alcoholic beverages to excess. He considers the appointee a loyal member of the Republican Party whose personal, public, and political integrity have never been challenged by him. He has no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to the United States nor as to his loyalty to President NIXON. He recommends him without exception or qualification to the office of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent CARLTON V. BRODEN:

Pursuant to the written authorization of
Congressman FORD, information pertaining to FORD's checking
and loan accounts and salary information was made available
by ELWYN G. RAIDEN, Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms,
United States House of Representatives.

A review of Congressman FORD's checking account
for the period January 3, 1963, to October 1, 1973, reflects
the balance of the account has ranged from less than \$1.00
to a high of \$42,262.51 on May 22, 1970, following the de-
posit of \$13,008.97 which was the proceeds of a loan FORD
obtained from the Sergeant at Arm's Office on May 22, 1970,
at which time he signed six notes of \$2,200 each maturing
monthly from June 1, 1970, to November 2, 1970. On May 22,
1970, a check of \$41,906.80 was charged to his account thereby
reducing the balance to \$346.01.

In addition to the six notes mentioned above,
Congressman FORD, from January 11, 1963, to October 16, 1973,
signed fifty-one other notes for loans varying from \$300 to
\$2,200. As of October 23, 1973, FORD was indebted for three
outstanding loans totaling \$4,600.

Mr. RAIDEN stated that all loans made to Congressman
FORD were short term loans made without collateral.

Congressman FORD's salary account shows he has
received the following salary which is established by Congress:

January 1, 1963 to January 3, 1965	\$22,500
January 3, 1965 to October 1, 1965	30,000
October 1, 1965 to March 1, 1969	35,000
March 1, 1969 to date	49,500

Congressman FORD's account of accumulated retire-
ment deductions shows he has \$49,607.29 in this account as
of September 30, 1973.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's CARLTON V. BRODEN and [REDACTED] on October 18-19, 1973, in Washington, D.C. (WDC):

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On October 18, 1973, [REDACTED] Majority Disbursing Clerk, Office of the Clerk, United States House of Representatives, made available records, concerning expense accounts of Congressman GERALD R. FORD and his expense accounts as House Minority Leader.

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER ACCOUNT

[REDACTED] Supervising Auditor, Office of the Disbursing Clerk, advised that Congressman FORD, as Minority Floor Leader, was entitled to a staff which was paid out of this fund. He said that the salary of each employee was paid directly to each individual by check. He said the only other expense charged to this fund was a monthly expense account for Congressman FORD, the amount of which is set by the House of Representatives and has varied from time to time. This monthly expense account can be used for any purpose and checks are issued to Congressman FORD upon receipt of a voucher signed by him which does not have to be supported by any documentation showing for what the money was used. According to the records Congressman FORD has received the following amounts from this account:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PAYMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January, 1965	1 at \$150.00	\$ 150.00
February, 1965 to		
June, 1965	5 at 166.66	833.30
July, 1965 to		
June, 1966	12 at 250.00	3,000.00
July, 1966 to		
June, 1967	12 at 250.00	3,000.00
July, 1967 to		
June, 1968	11 at 250.00	2,750.00
July, 1968 to		
June, 1969	12 at 250.00	3,000.00
July, 1969 to		
June, 1970	12 at 350.00	3,000.00
July, 1970 to		
June, 1971	12 at 250.00	3,000.00
July, 1971 to		
June, 1972	12 at 250.00	3,000.00

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July, 1972 to		
June, 1973	12 at 250.00	3,000.00
July, 1973 to		
September, 1973	2 at 250.00	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$25,233.30</u>

MINORITY LEADER'S AUTOMOBILE

[] advised that nothing was paid to Congressman FORD directly out of this account. He said that the chauffeur provided for FORD is paid directly by checks payable to this employee. Any other expenditures for gas and oil or repairs to the automobile are paid by check to the vendor upon receipt of a voucher supported by an invoice. The automobile is a Cadillac leased at \$1,000 a year from the Cadillac Division of General Motors Corporation.

MINORITY LEADER'S POSTAGE ACCOUNT

[] advised that the House of Representatives sets the amount allowed the Minority Leader for postage. For the calendar year 1966, and 1967, it was \$450, for 1968, 1969, and 1970, it was \$630 and from 1971, to date \$820. He said that the procedure is for an employee of the Minority Leader's office to request the Disbursing Office to issue a voucher for a certain amount. This voucher can then be taken to the House Postmaster who issues the stamps.

(The following accounts are those available and applicable to all members of Congress and are referred to as "Member Allowances").

DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

[] Supervising Auditor, Office of the Disbursing Clerk, House of Representatives, advised that Congressmen were allowed \$150 per quarter through 1964 for operation of their District Office(s). These expenses are not required to be documented. The member simply obtains this allowance by submitting a voucher to the Disbursing Office. Beginning in the first quarter of 1965, the allowance increased to \$300.

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The account records for Congressman FORD were reviewed and it was determined that from 1963, through the last quarter, 1964, FORD received \$150 in each quarter for his District Office expenses. From the first quarter in 1965, until December 31, 1972, Congressman FORD received \$300 for each quarter. No collections have been made by FORD for 1973. [] stated that it was common for Congressmen to bill retroactively and make collections for several quarters at one time.

ALLOWANCES FOR DISTRICT TELEPHONE

[] stated that Congressmen are currently allowed \$450 per quarter for telephone calls made while outside of Washington, D.C. (WDC). [] pointed out that this provision was intended for the District Office calls made by Congressmen and their staffs. The current allowance has been in effect since the second quarter of 1971. Prior to that the allowance had been \$300. This District Telephone Allowance became effective initially in the beginning of the first quarter in 1967. [] stated that the amounts claimed by Congressmen must be supported by telephone bills. The allowance is not cumulative. Checks are made payable to the Congressman himself.

The following expenditures by the Disbursing Office to Congressman FORD were taken from records:

<u>QUARTERLY PERIOD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3-31-70	\$110.65
6-30-70	189.23
9/30/70	113.02
12/31/70	127.73
3/31/71	134.46
6/30/71	292.61
9/30/70 (Supplement)	20.00
12/31/70 (Supplement)	60.00
3/31/71 (Supplement)	60.00
6/30/71 (Supplement)	55.50
9/30/71	227.37
3/31/72	388.51
9/30/72	339.68
6/30/72	394.15
12/31/72	376.31
3/31/73	450.00
6/30/73	450.00

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DISTRICT OFFICE RENTAL ALLOWANCES

[] stated that a Congressman may spend up to \$200 a month for rent of his District Office(s) without the approval of the Committee on House Administration. With such approval a monthly expenditure of up to \$350 may be made. The Disbursing Office issues rent checks directly to the leasor.

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The records including the lease arrangements since January, 1963, until December, 1972, were reviewed and the following information obtained:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LEASOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS(Office)</u>	<u>MONTHLY AMOUNT</u>
1963 (Effective January, 1962)	Pipp Inc. Plainwill, Michigan, (4/30/63; address change) 436 N.E., Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida	425 Cherry Street, S.E., Grand Rapids	\$100.00
(Lease in effect until 12/31/68.)			
1/1/69	Pipp Inc. 3038 N. Federal Highway, Times Square Building B. Fort Lauderdale, Florida	425 Cherry Street, Grand Rapids	110.00
(Lease in effect until 1/31/72)			

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2/1/72	Pipp Inc. 3038 N. Federal Highway, Times Square Building B Fort Lauderdale, Florida	425 Cherry Street, S.E., Grand Rapids	\$120.00
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(Lease in effect until 12/31/72)

[] believes that FORD moved his District Office to the Federal Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan, after December 31, 1972. [] explained that no records are kept by his office on Federal Properties, but that the General Services Administration would be the controlling agency.

STAFF TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

[] explained that the Staff Travel Allowances began in 1965, which provides Congressmen's staff be allowed paid round trips between WDC and their districts, a certain number of times per year.

The records pertaining to Congressman FORD in regard to staff travel were reviewed and it was determined that two trips were made by staff members of Congressman FORD. They were:

<u>DATE OF TRIP</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8/15-9/16/70	[]	\$173.04
8/21-9/8/71		173.00

CONGRESSMEN TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

[] advised that the members travel allowance went into effect in 1963. This provision made allowance for the Congressmen to make a certain number of trips to and from his district and WDC, yearly. This number of trips has varied from year to year. The allowances of the amount is paid

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directly to the Congressmen, but is supported by airline tickets or other common carriers if so used.

The accounts records for members travel were reviewed and the following expenditures were taken therefrom:

<u>DATE OF TRAVEL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8/27-29/63	\$ 90.83
11/13-14/63	97.32
7/25-26/64	102.21
8/1-2/64	102.21
7/5/65	108.02
8/14/65	89.55
9/5-6/65	104.66
9/23-24/66	90.83
7/21-22/67	90.83
8/6-7/67	108.21
9/3-7/67	66.51
10/19/67	93.92
10/1/68	82.95
1/27/69	49.35
3/14/69	52.50
4/4-5/69	103.95
5/9-10/69	99.75
6/14-15/69	105.00
8/31-9/1/69	144.30
12/18-19/69	126.00
1/24-25/70	112.35
2/7-8/70	105.00
5/4/70	117.60
5/22-23/70	135.74
6/23/70	112.35
7/3-4/70	126.40
7/10-11/70	126.40
10/8-9/70	146.00
10/24-25/70	108.00
11/25-26/70	117.00
1/18-19/71	147.00
2/18-20/71	112.60
2/5-6/71	153.20
2/18-20/71	112.00
2/27-28/71	145.00
3/11-12/71	153.00
6/18-19/71	134.40

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7/5-6/71	\$ 141.60
8/8/71	47.00
9/5/71	47.00
10/22-23/71	96.00
11/1-2/71	99.00
11/7/71	48.00
1/10/72	146.00
1/12-16/72	107.00
2/10-12/72	117.60
4/10-11/72	118.00
5/13-14/72	118.00
5/19-20/72	135.12
6/4/72	129.48
6/16-17/72	132.24
6/13-15/72	118.00
7/28-29/72	118.00
8/2-3/72	118.00
8/11-12/72	118.00
9/30-10/1/72	122.00
10/16/72	61.00
4/10-11/73	112.10
4/20/73	129.86
5/11-12/73	126.55
5/5/73	136.65
6/3/73	131.99
6/8-9/73	131.99
7/7/73	155.43
7/20-21/73	126.55
9/21-22/73	124.00
10/1-2/73	126.55
10/5-6/73	133.25

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH ALLOWANCES

explained that as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Congressman FORD had unlimited telephone and telegraph privileges. The regular Congressman is allowed a certain amount of telephone and telegraph usage from his Washington Office yearly. This usage is measured in units, (telephone; one minute equals four units; telegraph; one word equals one unit). Since Congressman FORD has been the Minority Leader, he, of course, has not been limited to any number of units. Telephone and telegraph records, however, are maintained on FORDs usage.

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The records kept on telephone calls made by FORD for 1971 were reviewed and it was determined that FORD made less calls than would have been a maximum allowance for the regular Congressman.

STATIONERY ALLOWANCES

On October 19, 1973, [] Chief, House of Representatives Office Supply, stated that each year a Congressman is given a certain allowance for purchase of stationery and office supplies. [] stated that the money can be applied to purchases made by the Congressman from the House Supply Store or money can be withdrawn in cash by the Congressman. Also, bills from commercial vendors may be submitted and applied against this account. At the end of the year the unspent money in the account is tabulated and carried over to the next year.

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As Minority Leader Congressman FORD does receive an additional allowance for supplies. The detailed records on these additional allowances are maintained by the House Administration Committee. The House Administration Committee not only maintains the detailed records, but makes all approvals on expenditures requested by the Minority Leader. On purchases from the House Supply Store, the House Administration Committee is billed. However, before supplies are sold to a leader's office, the House Supply Store must have an approval form from the House Administration Committee.

The stationery account for Congressman FORD was reviewed and the following information was taken therefrom:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>CASH WITH- DRAWN</u>	<u>BALANCE END OF YEAR</u>
1965	\$274.46	\$2400.00	\$630.00	\$ 32.63
1966	32.63	2400.00	950.00	57.71
1967	57.71	2400.00	300.00	114.85
1968	114.85	3000.00	140.00	242.18
1969	242.18	3000.00	300.00	41.15
1970	41.15	3000.00	-0---	104.43
1971	104.43	3000.00	750.40	6.11
		(1) 500.00		
1972	6.11	3000.00	1800.00	40.25
		(2) 500.00		

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1973	40.25	4250.00	-0--	3135.45 (9/21/73)
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1276. (1) Received extra \$500 by House Resolution Number

91-665. (2) Received additional \$500 under Public Law

[] stated that records prior to 1965 were not available. [] also stated that amount of stationery allowances received by a Congressman was taxable to him, and must be offset in his tax return by expenditures. [] further stated that any time a Congressman does not return to the House due to retirement or losing of an election, he may either withdraw the amount remaining in his stationery account or turn it over to the U. S. Treasury.

Miscellaneous Information

[] stated that no Congressman can receive more than his maximum allowance on any account maintained by [] office. [] stated that these accounts are also audited regularly by the General Accounting Office (GAO).

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA CARLTON V. BRODEN:

Reports of Campaign Receipts and Expenditures

Pursuant to a letter to the Clerk, United States House of Representatives, the reports of receipts and expenditures filed with the Clerk of the House by Congressman FORD for the 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972 elections were made available for review.

1964 Campaign

Congressman FORD filed a pre-election statement for this campaign on October 26, 1964, and a post election statement on November 6, 1964, for the election held on November 3, 1964. These statements were signed and sworn to by Congressman FORD before a notary on October 22, 1964 and November 3, 1964, respectively.

The total amount of contributions listed in the two reports was \$5,657.09, the total itemized expenditures was \$3,893.38, and the total exempt expenditures, not included in determining the limit of campaign expenditures was \$1,763.71. The exempt expenditures according to the statement filed consisted of assessments, fees or charges levied upon candidates by state law, or expended for necessary personal traveling, or subsistence, or for stationery, postage, writing, mailing or printing, other than for use in billboards or newspapers, for distributing letters, circulars or posters or for telegraph and telephone service.

Contributions and expenditures of \$500 or more were recorded.

Contributions (Schedule A)

6/24/64	National Republican Congressional Committee	\$ 700.00
8/20/64	[redacted] New York	500.00
8/22/64	National Republican Congressional Committee	500.00
9/4/64	National Republican Congressional Committee	1,500.00

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9/9/64	Transfer from Primary Election Campaign	\$ 886.09
27	contributions ranging from \$1.00 to \$350.00	<u>1,571.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$5,657.09</u>

Expenditures (Schedule B)

10/15/64	Wood TV, Grand Rapids, Michigan	\$1,926.00
10/20/64	Channel 13, Grand Rapids, Michigan	990.00
13	expenditures ranging from \$20.00 to \$142.00	<u>977.38</u>
	Total	<u>\$3,893.38</u>

All expenditures were for advertising.

1966 Campaign

Congressman FORD filed a pre-election statement for this campaign on October 28, 1966, and post election statement on November 15, 1966, for the election held on November 8, 1966. These statements were signed and sworn to by Congressman FORD on October 26, 1966 and November 8, 1966, respectively.

The total amount of contributions listed in the two reports was \$8,640.00, the total itemized expenditures was \$4,125.54, and the total exempt expenditures was \$3,350.52.

Contributions and expenditures of \$500 or more were recorded.

Contributions (Schedule A)

8/10/66	Republican State Finance Committee	\$2,500.00
8/10/66	National Republican Congressional Committee	2,000.00
9/2/66	 , Detroit, Michigan	500.00
10/13/66	Republican State Finance Committee	1,250.00
10/14/66	National Republican Congressional Committee	500.00
10/17/66	Republican State Finance Committee	500.00
24	contributions ranging from \$2.00 to \$200.00	<u>1,390.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$8,640.00</u>

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Expenditures (Schedule B)

10/4/66	Wood TV, Grand Rapids, Michigan	\$2,262.00
15	expenditures ranging from \$30.00 to \$181.16	1,863.54
	Total	<u>\$4,125.54</u>

All expenditures were for advertising.

1968 Campaign

Congressman FORD filed a pre-election statement for this campaign on October 23, 1968, and a post election statement on November 6, 1968, for the election held on November 5, 1968. These statements were signed and sworn to by Congressman FORD on October 22, 1968 and November 5, 1968, respectively.

The total amount of contributions listed in the two reports was \$7,499.41, the total itemized expenditures was \$3,821.10, and the total exempt expenditures was \$3,678.31.

Contributions and expenditures of \$500 or more were recorded.

Contributions (Schedule A)

8/12/68	Balance from primary campaign	\$1,301.41
8/12/68	Carpenters Legislation Improvement Committee, Washington, D. C.	1,000.00
9/30/68	Republican State Central Committee	500.00
81	contributions ranging from \$1.00 to \$200.00	4,698.00
	Total	<u>\$7,499.41</u>

Expenditures (Schedule B)

32	expenditures ranging from \$25.00 to \$338.84	<u>\$3,821.10</u>
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All expenditures were for newspaper advertising, none of them over \$500.00.

1970 Campaign

Congressman FORD filed a pre-election statement on October 20, 1970, and a post election statement on November 22, 1970, for the election held on November 3, 1970. These statements were signed and sworn to by Congressman FORD on

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October 20, 1970 and November 20, 1970, respectively.

The total amount of contributions listed in the two reports was \$10,500.00, the total itemized expenditures was \$10,500.00, and the total exempt expenditures was \$1,366.61.

Contributions and expenditures of \$500 or more were recorded.

Contributions (Schedule A)

8/13/70	Republican State Finance Committee	\$1,000.00
9/4/70	[REDACTED] Lockport, New York	500.00
9/18/70	Associated Milk Producers, San Antonio, Texas	1,000.00
9/24/70	[REDACTED], Leesburg, Virginia	500.00
10/5/70	Republican State Finance Committee	1,000.00
84 contributions ranging from \$2.00 to \$400.00		6,500.00
Total		<u>\$10,500.00</u>

Expenditures (Schedule B)

9/28/70	Spartan Graphics, Sparta, Michigan	\$ 575.10
10/6/70	Insights, Incorporated, Grand Rapids, Michigan	4,000.00
11/6/70	[REDACTED], Washington, D. C.	1,020.98
11/20/70	Insights, Incorporated, Grand Rapids, Michigan	803.42
64 expenditures from \$1.37 to \$350.00		4,100.50
Total		<u>\$10,500.00</u>

The expenditure to Spartan Graphics was for a brochure, to Insights, Incorporated, for advertising and a Washington, D. C. (WDC) trip and processing and to [REDACTED] for envelopes.

1972 Campaign

Congressman FORD filed the following reports with the Office of the Clerk, United States House of Representatives:

1. June 10 report.
2. Fifteenth day report preceding primary election on August 8, 1972.

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3. Fifth day report preceding primary election on August 8, 1972.
4. September 10 report.
5. Fifteenth day report preceding general election on November 7, 1972.
6. Fifth day report preceding general election on November 7, 1972.
7. Termination report.

In all of these reports Congressman FORD reported he had received no contributions and had made no expenditures.

Ford for Congress Committee

The Ford for Congress Committee, 620 Old Kent Building, One Vanderberg Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan, filed a Registration Form and Statement of Organization for a Committee which was signed by BRITTON L. GORDON, Treasurer on April 26, 1972, and was received by the Office of the Clerk on May 1, 1972. Subsequently, throughout 1972 this committee filed the seven types of reports which Congressman FORD filed in 1972.

The seven reports filed by the Ford for Congress Committee listed total receipts of \$78,232.55 and total expenditures of \$72,012.30 less a \$40.00 check which was voided. The receipts and expenditures consisted of the following types of items:

Receipts

1 a. Itemized Contributions (Schedule A)	\$70,891.61
1 b. Unitemized Contributions	7,249.08
4 a. Other Receipts	91.86
Total	<u>\$78,232.55</u>

The other receipts consisted of a refund on a telephone bill by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

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Expenditures

7. Expenditures for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses	
a. Itemized (Schedule D)	\$30,873.36
b. Unitemized	1,507.44
6. Communication media expenditures (Schedule C)	24,996.19
10. Transfers out (Schedule D)	14,635.31
Total	<u>\$72,012.30</u>

Copies of the schedules submitted to support the itemized contributions are set forth below.

The unitemized contributions in the amount of \$7,249.08 were made up of 127 individual contributions. Of the total ten contributions totaling \$750.00 were received from employees of General Motors Corporation, five contributions totaling \$500.00 were received from employees of Armco Steel Corporation and 22 contributions totaling \$1,131.08 were received from employees of General Dynamics Corporation.

A major portion of the transfers out of \$14,635.31 consisted of donations to the Kent County Republican Party, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and to committees of candidates in other states.

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date	Amount of Receipt This Period
		(complete if applicable)	
4/25/72	Committee to Re-Elect Jerry Ford P. O. Box 2014 Washington, D. C. 20013	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$38,216.61
4/25/72	Drive Political Fund 25 Louisiana Avenue, Rm. 325 Washington, D. C.	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	2,000.00
4/25/72	Railway Clerks Political League 6300 River Road Rosemont, Ill. 60018	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	500.00
4/25/72	[REDACTED] - Farmer St. James, La.	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	400.00
4/25/72	South Florida Sugar Committee c/o [REDACTED] Belle Glade, Florida	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	400.00
4/25/72	[REDACTED] General Motors	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	250.00
4/26/72	[REDACTED] Publisher	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	2,500.00
4/26/72	[REDACTED] Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	2,000.00
5/22/72	[REDACTED] Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	200.00

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5/11/72	<div></div>	Businessman Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 1,000.00
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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
June 21, 1972	<div></div>	Businessman	\$ 250.00
		Aggregate Year-to-date \$	b6 b7C
July 13, 1972	<div></div>	Businessman	\$ 250.00
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7/25/72	<div></div> Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 150.00
7/25/72	<div></div> Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$3,500.00	\$1,500.00
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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
7/31/72	<div data-bbox="349 535 755 598" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 250px;"></div> Washington, D. C. Public Employee	<div data-bbox="901 619 1250 672" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$300.00
8/3/72	<div data-bbox="349 682 625 745" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 170px;"></div> New York, N. Y. Businessman	<div data-bbox="901 777 1250 829" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$3,000.00
8/3/72	<div data-bbox="349 840 657 882" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 190px;"></div> United Airlines O'Hare International Airport Chicago, Ill. 60666 Businessman	<div data-bbox="901 934 1250 987" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$500.00
8/15/72	<div data-bbox="349 1008 738 1113" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; width: 240px;"></div> Businessman	<div data-bbox="901 1092 1250 1144" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$2,000.00
8/21/72	National Republican Congressional Committee Congressional Hotel Washington, D. C. 20003 Political Committee	<div data-bbox="901 1249 1250 1302" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$1,000.00
	<div data-bbox="349 1312 738 1417" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; width: 240px;"></div> Businessman	<div data-bbox="901 1407 1250 1459" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$500.00
	District 2 MEBA-AMO, AFL-CIO Political Committee Voluntary Political Action Fund 650 4th Avenue Brooklyn, N. Y. 11232	<div data-bbox="901 1564 1250 1617" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aggregate Year-to-date \$</div>	\$5,000.00
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		(complete if applicable)	
9/1/72	Bankpac, General Fund 1611 N. Kent Street, Suite #804 Arlington, Va. 22209 Political Committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 2,500.00
9/11/72	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$500.00
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 30px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Philadelphia, Pa. Businesswoman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$500.00
	Carpenters Legislative Improvement Committee 101 Constitution Avenue NW Washington, D. C. 20001 Political committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$750.00
10/5/72	Nat'l Republican Congressional Comm. 412 Congressional Hotel Washington, D.C. Political Committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$1,000.00
	Restaurateurs Political Action Committee 2219 Builders Bldg., 228 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Ill. 60601 Political action committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$1,000.00
10/11/72	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Lansing, Michigan Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$500.00
	O.S.P.A.C. 211 E. Chicago Avenue Chicago, Ill. 60611 Political Action Committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$1,000.00
10/16/72	Effective Citizenship Fund Dayton, Ohio Political Committee	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$525.00

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11/6/72	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Potomac, Md. Businessman	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable) \$	\$200.00
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Friends of Jerry Ford Committee

The Friends of Jerry Ford Committee, 865 Union Bank Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan, filed a Registration Form and Statement of Organization for a Committee, which was signed by JOEL V. SOULE, Treasurer, on September 27, 1972, and was received by the Office of the Clerk on September 29, 1972.

This committee filed the following reports:

1. Fifteenth day report preceding general election on November 7, 1972.
2. Fifth day report preceding general election on November 7, 1972.
3. January 31 report signed by JOEL V. SOULE on January 26, 1973.

The three reports filed by the Friends of Jerry Ford Committee listed total receipts of \$20,343.46 and total expenditures of \$15,332.76. The receipts and expenditures consisted of the following types of items:

Receipts

1 a. Itemized contributions (Schedule A)	\$12,506.01
1 b. Unitemized contributions	2,746.25
4 a. Other receipts	291.20
5. Transfers In (Schedule A)	4,800.00
Total	<u>\$20,343.46</u>

Expenditures

6. Communications media expenses (Schedule C)	\$ 430.72
7. Expenditures for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses	
a. Itemized (Schedule D)	5,609.55
b. Unitemized	512.57
9. a. Other expenditures (Schedule C)	4,529.92
10. Transfers out (Schedule D)	4,250.00
Total	<u>\$15,332.76</u>

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Copies of the schedules submitted to support the
itemized contributions and transfers in are set forth below.

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
9-15-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) Commerce Building New Orleans, Louisiana 70112	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 300.00
9-15-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) New Orleans, Louisiana 70130	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	300.00
9-13-72	[REDACTED] (Retired) LaJolla, California	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-2-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$1,000.00
10-2-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) [REDACTED] Michigan 48013	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-6-72	[REDACTED] (Lawyer) New York, New York 10022	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$1,000.00
10-6-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) Chicago, Illinois 60603	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-5-72	[REDACTED] (Owner Electrical Distributors Co.) [REDACTED] Michigan 49417	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-9-72	[REDACTED] (Businessman) [REDACTED] Illinois 60093	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00

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Friends of Jerry Ford Committee

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable) \$	Amount of Receipt This Period
10-6-72	Joseph M. Segel (President, Franklin Mint 614 Zollinger Way Inc.) Merion, Pennsylvania 19066	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$2,546.01
10-11-72	[Redacted] (Attorney) Washington, D.C., 20037	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
10-13-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] New York 10580	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 100.00
10-13-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-13-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	John Bentia (President of Aliance Mfg. Co.) Aliance Mfg. Co. Aliance Ohio	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	500.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) North Palm Beach, Florida 33408	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Accountant) [Redacted] Florida 33404	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) Glastonbury, Conn. 06033	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) Glastonbury, Conn. 06033	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Salesman) [Redacted] Conn. 06107	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Business Executive) Palm Beach, Florida 33480	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Physician) Farmington, Conn. 06032	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) Manchester, Conn. 06040	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) Westport, Conn. 06880	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) North Palm Beach, Fla. 33408	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) North Palm Beach, Florida 33408	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Business Executive) [Redacted] Conn. 06107	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) North Palm Beach, Florida 33408	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Personnel) Glastonbury, Conn. 06033	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00

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10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) [Redacted] Conn. 06470	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) [Redacted] Conn 06074	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) [Redacted] Calif. 91303	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Engineer) [Redacted] Conn. 06073	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-20-72	[Redacted] (Industrial Relations) Somers, Conn. 06071	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-18-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) East Lansing, Michigan 48823	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-19-72	[Redacted] (Retired) [Redacted] Michigan 49331	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-23-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Illinois 60048	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-23-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Illinois 60045	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00

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10-24-72	C.A. Barrett (President, Die-Draulic Inc.) 662 Manhattan Road S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
10-23-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Ill. 60010	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	100.00
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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
10-24-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Atlanta, Georgia 30308	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
10-24-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Illinois 60015	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
10-24-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Columbus, Ohio	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
10-24-72	[Redacted] San Francisco, California 94108	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-6-72	[Redacted] (Housewife) Grand Rapids, Michigan	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-3-72	[Redacted] (Homemaker) Washington, D.C. 20016	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$500.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Chicago, Illinois	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$250.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Grand Rapids, Michigan	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$300.00
11-10-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Grand Rapids, Michigan	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$410.00

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) San Diego, California 92107	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) San Diego, California 92122	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) San Diego, California 92106	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Calif. 92077	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) San Diego, California 92106	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) San Diego, California 92117	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) La Jolla, California 92037	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) Coronado, California	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] California	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$125.00

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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable) \$	Amount of Receipt This Period
11-4-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] California 93534	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$150.00
11-6-72	[Redacted] (Railroad Employee) [Redacted] Michigan 48010	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-6-72	[Redacted] (Railroad Employee) [Redacted] Mich 48013	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-6-72	[Redacted] (Businessman) [Redacted] Michigan 48075	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$100.00
11-16-72	[Redacted] (Plant Manager) [Redacted] Michigan 49010	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$125.00
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Date (month, day, year)	Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code (occupation and principal place of business, if any)	Aggregate Year-to-date (complete if applicable)	Amount of Receipt This Period
10-11-72	MEBA Political Action Fund 17 Battery Place New York, New York 10004	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$2,500.00
10-11-72	National Republican Congressional Committee Congressional Hotel Washington, D.C. 20003	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	900.00
10-11-72	Boilermakers-Blacksmiths Legislative Education Action Program (LEAP) (CAF) 400 First Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	500.00
10-11-72	Recording Arts Political Action Committee 1229 19th Street N.W. Washington, D.C., 20036	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	250.00
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10-10-72	Midwest Republican Group 300 Home Federal Building Des Moines, Iowa 50309	Aggregate Year-to-date \$	\$ 200.00
10-17-72	National Republican Congressional Committee Congressional Hotel Washington, D.C. 20003	Aggregate Year-to-date \$ 1,350.00	450.00
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Congressman FORD on July 5, 1973, signed a form, received by the Office of the Clerk on July 6, 1973, requesting that his reporting requirements for 1973 be suspended as he did not expect to receive or expend election campaign funds during 1973.

Ford for Congress Committee

The termination report filed by the Ford for Congress Committee on January 8, 1973, showed a cash balance of \$6,260.25. BRITTON L. GORDON signed a termination report received by the Office of the Clerk on March 15, 1973, which contained a schedule showing the disposition of the \$6,260.25. Of the total \$6,046.64 was transferred to the Friends of Jerry Ford Committee, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Friends of Jerry Ford Committee

The Friends of Jerry Ford Committee have filed the following reports during 1973.

1. March 10 report.
2. June 10 report.
3. September 10 report.

These three reports listed receipts of \$6,808.84 and expenditures of \$2,091.61. The receipts and expenditures consisted of the following types of items:

Receipts

1 a. Itemized contributions (Schedule A)	\$ 550.00
4. Other receipts	212.20
5. Transfers in	6,046.64
Total	<u>\$6,808.84</u>

Expenditures

6. Communications media expense (Schedule C)	\$ 410.03
7. Expenditures for personal services, salaries and reimbursed expenses	
a. Itemized (Schedule D)	\$1,164.98

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	b. Unitemized	\$ 45.70
9	a. Itemized other expenditures (Schedule C)	184.50
9	b. Unitemized other expenditures	286.40
	Total	<u>\$2,091.61</u>

The itemized contributions consisted of three contributions. The transfer in of \$6,046.64 was from the Ford for Congress Committee.

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The following investigation was conducted at Washington, D.C. by SA's [] and [].

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On October 24, 1973, the Honorable ROBERT H. MICHEL, Congressman of Illinois and Chairman, House Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, was interviewed at his office, Room 2112, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C., concerning contributions to and disbursements for the campaign of GERALD FORD in 1970.

Congressman MICHEL stated that he could shed very little light on the financing of the 1970 campaign due to the fact that he did not take over as Chairman of the Committee until March 1973. He said that BOB WILSON of California was Chairman for the Committee during 1970. He further advised that he really has no direct knowledge of how the Committee operated at that time concerning the fundings of the Republican campaigns.

He said that he was certain that old records were maintained at least as long as the statute of limitations required.

Congressman MICHEL did state that "for as long as he could remember, the Congressional Campaign Committee discouraged the practice of trying to conceal contributions and disbursements by using the Committee as a laundering mechanism."

Congressman MICHEL advised that he had known FORD for the past 25 years. He said that FORD was a man of the highest integrity and loyal to the United States. He said that he would give FORD an unquestionable endorsement for the position of Vice Presidency. He said that "in my book, FORD deserves a AAA endorsement, the highest that could be given any man."

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On October 24, 1973, GEORGE BUSH, Chairman, Republican National Committee, was contacted at his office, Dwight D. Eisenhower Building, Washington, D.C., concerning contributions and disbursements of GERALD FORD's 1970 congressional campaign.

BUSH advised that he had no knowledge concerning the 1970 campaign of GERALD FORD. During the interview, he telephonically contacted TOM LIAS, and he stated that LIAS advised him that he is certain that the \$11,500 in question went to the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, and did not pass through the Republican National Committee.

BUSH advised that EDWARD TERRAR, Director of Finance, Congressional Campaign Committee, would be a good individual to contact for information.

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On October 24, 1973, EDWARD F. TERRAR, JR.,
Director of Finance, Congressional Campaign Committee,
was contacted at his office, Room 516, 300 New Jersey
Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., concerning the 1970
campaign contributions and disbursements of GERALD FORD.

TERRAR said that due to the fact he was not
Director of Finance in 1970, he would be unable to
supply specific information concerning the \$11,500 campaign
contribution which is in question. TERRAR stated that
he did not become Director of Finance for the Committee
until October of 1971. He stated that Director of
Finance during 1970 was CURTIS R. FULTON. TERRAR said that
he believed FULTON is now employed by General Services
Administration.

TERRAR produced reports of contributions and
disbursements during the year of 1970, but these reports
did not reveal direct contributions to GERALD FORD. It
did show disbursements to groups connected with GERALD
FORD, but it could not be proved that these disbursements
were connected with the article which appeared on
February 12, 1971 in "The Washington Post".

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The following investigation was conducted by
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D. C. (WDC):

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On October 25, 1973, Mr. JOHN T. CALKINS, Executive Director, Republican Congressional Committee, was contacted at his office, Room 520, C Street and New Jersey Avenue, S. E., WDC. concerning GERALD FORD's 1970 campaign contributions and disbursements.

CALKINS advised that first some background information must be developed. He stated that in 1970 and 1971, it was the practice for FORD and many others to have two accounts; in FORD's case, an F account and a C account. The F account was for monies contributed directly for FORD's campaign and the C account was for money above that which was needed for the FORD campaign. The money in the C account would be distributed to other candidates and to the Republican committees to further the other campaigns of other individuals.

It was also the practice at this time for a contributor to " earmark " money in order that he receive two credits. For instance, a contributor could give money to a candidate but have this money earmarked for the Republican Congressional Committee. The candidate in this instance would give the contributor credit for a contribution and turn these funds over to a Republican committee and in turn, the Republican committee would give the contributor credit. This no longer is a practice. CALKINS said that specifically concerning FORD's campaign contributions, he was not aware of what directly took place in 1970. He said when this came to his attention, he contacted CURTIS FULTON, who was the Financial Director for the Congressional Campaign Committee in 1970. CALKINS stated that FULTON advised him that funds were received from GERALD FORD and that disbursements had been made to FORD committees during 1970 and 1971, but at no time were any statutes violated.

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CALKINS advised that in FORD's account there was a great likelihood that he had much more money in the account than the \$12,300.00 that is in question. CALKINS advised that it was the practice of FORD in 1970, as it is now, to only use funds that are necessary for his campaign. CALKINS advised that FORD is a very generous individual and that **all** monies he receives above that amount which is necessary for his campaign will be given to other candidates for their **campaigns**.

CALKINS stated that he has no indication or feeling that FORD misused any campaign contributions during 1970 or at any other time. CALKINS stated that, "I can categorically state that FORD has never used any campaign contributions for personal gain. When he does not need the money that is in his account, he gives it to some other candidate."

CALKINS stated that, "The only mistake I can say that was made, if you can call it a mistake, was the fact that FORD endorsed these checks himself before turning them over to the Congressional Campaign Committee. It may have been better for FORD to have had an aide or his treasurer endorse these over to the committee; therefore, alleviating any doubt that FORD mishandled any funds."

CALKINS further advised that FORD's endorsement of these checks and then turning them over to the Congressional Committee violated no statutes and there was nothing the least bit dishonest in this action. CALKINS stated that, "FORD is not the type of individual that would use campaign contributions for any type of personal gain nor would he misappropriate any campaign contributions. GERALD FORD is not that type of man."

On February 17, 1971 the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, copies of two newspaper articles written by JAMES R. POLK of the Associated Press. One article, entitled "Ford Didn't Report \$11,500 Contributed to his Campaign", appeared in the "Washington Evening Star", February 11, 1971 on page A2. The other article, "Rep. Ford Failed to Report \$11,500" appeared on February 12, 1971, page A14 in the "Washington Post and Times Herald."

No investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the absence of a specific request by the Department of Justice.

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On October 24, 1973, WILLIAM F. HILDENBRAND, Administrative Assistant to the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, HUGH SCOTT (Pennsylvania), furnished the following information to Special Agent RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR.:

[redacted] visited HILDENBRAND on the morning of October 23, 1973 and inquired of him whether he had heard any discussion by members of Congressional delegations who recently visited the People's Republic of China relating to their establishment of private business interests regarding trade and business opportunities with the Red Chinese Government. [redacted] particularly referred to Representative FORD's group which had visited Red China in June, 1972. Mr. [redacted] indicated he had previously been interviewed by a representative of the FBI and had advised him that he may have heard Mr. HILDENBRAND discuss business opportunities following HILDENBRAND's trip to Red China in April, 1972.

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Mr. HILDENBRAND denied ever discussing or hearing any discussion concerning private opportunities for gain in business interests in Red China. He recalled his group had received no briefing from Representative FORD's group prior to the trip. He also said that his trip in company with Senator HUGH SCOTT was basically a tourist visit although they did visit the Canton Trade Fair and a few small manufacturing facilities. He noted his group did not have any authority to discuss business enterprises with the Chinese and no such discussion was had.

Mr. HILDENBRAND advised he had frequent political contact with the appointee, Representative FORD, since 1965 when the appointee assumed his role of Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. He has a high regard for the appointee's personal and professional integrity. On occasions when he has been in his company at social events, the appointee always conducted himself in a manner befitting his office and as a gentleman in all respects. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends him to the post for which President NIXON has selected him.

Fifth District Account
Grand Rapids, Michigan

During interview of appointee on October 16, 1973 Representative FORD disclosed the existence of an account at the Union Bank and Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan in which he has deposited excess campaign contributions. This fund is utilized for the Representative's news letters, clipping service, and transportation expenses (until reimbursement is made for this latter need).

FORD does not report this account on his Federal tax returns as personal income and referred to an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling in a Bureau of National Affairs publication of September 4, 1973 which he felt re-inforced his opinion.

Attached is a copy of the article, "New Tax Decisions and Rulings", Section H-1, appearing in the September 4, 1973 issue of the Daily Tax Report, published by the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Review of IRS Revenue Ruling 73-356 reveals that the enclosed article contains the full and identical text of this ruling.

NEW TAX DECISIONS AND RULINGS

Internal Revenue Service

GROSS INCOME--A congressman receives subscription fees or solicited contributions to defray the cost of newsletters, reports, and questionnaires sent to constituents.

Held: The subscription fees and contributions are includable in the congressman's gross income. The expenses of publishing and distributing the newsletters, reports, and questionnaires are business expenses deductible on an itemized return. --IRS; Rev. Rul. 73-356, 9/4/73.

Full Text:

Advice has been requested as to the tax treatment of amounts received and amounts expended by Congressmen *A* and *B*, who use the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting, in connection with publication and distribution of newsletters, reports, and questionnaires they send to constituents under the circumstances described below.

Situation (A).--Congressman *A* sends out a newsletter at regular intervals to report to his constituents on matters of general interest such as taxes, social security, foreign relations, and other subjects pertaining to the affairs of the Federal Government and on such matters as his activities and findings in connection with an official inspection trip to foreign countries. To help defray the expenses of producing, printing, and preparing it for mailing, he offers constituents subscriptions to the newsletter for a reasonable price, and sends it to subscribers only. The subscription proceeds are available to Congressman *A* upon their receipt, but he applies all such proceeds to the expenses associated with publication of the newsletter. From his personal funds, he pays the remaining cost of publishing and distributing it. The annual out-of-pocket cost to the Congressman of publishing and distributing the newsletter is less than his annual salary.

Situation (B).--Congressman *B* sends legislative reports to his constituents from 12 to 15 times a year to keep them informed regarding the affairs of the Federal Government and his official activities. He also sends out questionnaires from time to time seeking the opinions of his constituents on various issues. To help defray the

costs involved, Congressman *B* solicits contributions, by notation on the reports and by telephone requests initiated by a member of his staff, to be used solely for the printing and related costs of these reports and questionnaires. However, he sends the reports and questionnaires to constituents whether or not they contribute. Contributions received by him in response to these requests are available to him upon receipt but he retains no part of them for his personal services in preparing the materials. They are deposited in a bank account that is segregated from all other funds maintained by Congressman *B*'s office, no part of which account is ever used for campaign purposes. If the fund is insufficient to pay the expenses of publishing and distributing the reports and questionnaires, the Congressman pays the remainder from his own personal funds. Any excess in the fund at the end of any particular year is carried over to the following year to be used for the same purpose. The annual cost to the Congressman of publishing and distributing these materials is less than his annual salary.

Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 provides, in part, that the term gross income means "all income from whatever source derived," including, among other things, gross income from business, compensation for services, fees, commissions, and similar items.

Section 102(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that gross income does not include the value of property acquired by gift. A gift is generally defined as a voluntary transfer of property by its owner to another with donative intent and without consideration. If a payment proceeds primarily from the incentive of anti-

pated benefit of an economic nature to the payor, it is not a gift. Where the payment is in return for services rendered, it is irrelevant that the donor receives no economic benefit from it. See *Commissioner v. Duberstein*, 363 U.S. 278 (1960), 1960-2 C.B. 428. Moreover, when a payment is made by a customer to a taxpayer who provides services to assure continuation of those services, that payment is not a gift even though not made in consideration for past or current services. See *Publishers New Press, Inc.*, 42 T.C. 396 (1964), *acq.*, 1964-2 C.B. 7.

Under the facts of Situation (A), the subscription fees are given as direct payment for the publications, and such funds are available to Congressman *A* upon receipt. Therefore, the subscription proceeds received by Congressman *A* must be included in his gross income under section 61 of the Code.

Under the facts of Situation (B), although the contributions described are not given as payment for the publications, they are made to assure the continued publication of the materials. Therefore, such amounts are not gifts within the meaning of section 102 of the Code.

The performance of the official duties of a Congressman in his trade or business as an elected official includes keeping his constituents informed with respect to the affairs of the Federal Government and his own official actions, and seeking opinions from them on pertinent issues. Thus, any amount received by a Congressman for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of reporting to constituents or of seeking opinions from his constituents is a substantial benefit to him in that it offsets a portion of the cost to him of performing the duties of his

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office. Therefore, such amounts received by Congressman *B* must be included in his income under section 61 of the Code in the year received.

Furthermore, section 162(a) of the Code provides for the deduction of all the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business. Section 7701(a)(26) provides that the term "trade or business" includes the performance of the functions of a public office.

I.T. 4095, 1952-2 C.B. 90, holds that expenses incurred by a Congressman in printing and addressing a letter to

his constituents, which letter consists principally of a report of his activities and findings in connection with an official inspection trip to foreign countries but also contains a brief personal message, qualify as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Inasmuch as it is considered an appropriate part of the official duties of a Congressman to keep his constituents informed with respect to the affairs of the Federal Government and his official actions, and to seek opinions from them on pertinent issues, the amounts expended in issuing such publications

are ordinary and necessary business expenses within the meaning of section 162(a) of the Code. However, under section 62 relating to adjusted gross income, with exceptions not here relevant, expenses attributable to the performance of a trade or business as an employee are deductible only in computing taxable income. Accordingly, these expenses are deductible in the year paid by Congressmen *A* and *B* in the situations described above only if they itemize their deductions.

I.T. 4095 is hereby superseded, since its substance is incorporated in this Revenue Ruling.

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Investigation at Detroit continuing.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation contained in this report pertains primarily to interviews of employees in Mr. FORD's office, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and business and professional associates and acquaintances. This report also contains complete air transportation used by Mr. FORD.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employees of appointee's district office, Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised of occasional air transportation furnished appointee on gratuitous basis by Grand Rapids based Amway Corporation, Bissell Corporation, Lear Seigler Corporation and Daverman Associates. Officers of above companies advised flights furnished as courtesy to appointee, with nothing asked, expected, or received from appointee for this service. Amway and Bissell do no business with Federal Government; Lear Seigler and Daverman Associates have, or have had, Government contracts. Review of records and pilot interviews indicate that Amway furnished three flights to appointee in 1973, Bissell Corporation provided one flight in the past 33 months; Lear Seigler provided three flights since 1968; Daverman furnished six flights between 1960-1964, none since. Records of Northern Air Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan, show one aircraft chartered by appointee in 1973. Northern employee, [REDACTED], who makes some arrangements for private flights for appointee says frequency of private flights is four to five per year. Former president of Northern Air Service estimates 12 instances of appointee using corporate aircraft in a 15 year period prior to 1968.

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I. INTERVIEWS CONCERNING GRATUITOUS
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PROFESSIONAL ACQUAINTANCE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 17, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

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THOMAS K. EARDLEY, JR., Mayor, Wyoming, Michigan, advised that he has been an acquaintance of appointee for approximately 12 years. EARDLEY first met appointee when he (EARDLEY) was a member of the City Council.

EARDLEY advised that even though he is a Democrat and opposed to some of appointee's political views, he would have to say in all sincerity that appointee's integrity, character, and morals are above reproach. EARDLEY mentioned that appointee enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and has a good rapport with all constituents in the community.

EARDLEY stated that he has no personal knowledge of anything unfavorable in appointee's background or appointee's family and associates.

EARDLEY mentioned that he had heard a rumor to the effect that Daverman Engineering Company had paid appointee's air fare between Michigan and Washington on several occasions. EARDLEY emphasized that this was strictly a rumor he heard and he had absolutely no idea whether there was any factual basis for the rumor.

EARDLEY concluded by stating that he would highly recommend appointee for the position of Vice President of the United States based upon appointee's record in Congress.

ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 17, 1973, at Ionia, Michigan:

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Mr. ANTHONY VALICE, 419 Baldie, former Mayor of Ionia (1948-1960 and 1962-1964), advised he has known Mr. GERALD R. FORD since the early 1940's. Mr. VALICE disagrees with Mr. FORD's political views but feels Mr. FORD is an outstanding Congressman and should make a good Vice President. Mr. VALICE stated that over the past 30 years he has known Mr. FORD, he has heard nothing that would preclude Mr. FORD from becoming Vice President.

Mr. VALICE feels Mr. FORD is a man of outstanding ability, the highest morals, and a loyal American citizen. Mr. VALICE has known Mr. FORD for some 30 years, and he has always been a hard working, intense individual interested in helping people. Mr. VALICE stated Mr. FORD is the type of Congressman who is always willing to help his constituents, and he will always take the time to stop and listen to what people have to say to him. Mr. FORD makes no distinction as to a person's politics or standing in the community but is always available to assist anyone in any way he can. Mr. VALICE stated that even as a young man Mr. FORD worked hard and was always involved in trying to help others.

Mr. VALICE stated he does not know of any derogatory information concerning Mr. FORD unless it would be that Mr. FORD has been flown on occasion from Washington, D.C. to Michigan on different company private planes. Mr. VALICE could furnish no specific details concerning any of these trips to Michigan or the frequency of such trips. Mr. VALICE could not recall the names of any companies specifically and did not recall where he had obtained this information other than his general knowledge in the Ionia area as far as he knew.

Mr. VALICE stated he was pleased with Mr. FORD's appointment and felt that Mr. FORD is an individual of the highest moral character and should make an excellent Vice President.

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II. INTERVIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN FORD'S
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on October 17, 1973, at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

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Mr. GORDON E. VANDER TILL, [redacted]
[redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is employed as GERALD FORD's District Assistant in charge of Mr. FORD's Grand Rapids Office, was contacted at the Federal Building, Grand Rapids.

VANDER TILL stated that he became a full time employee of Mr. FORD's as a case worker handling constituents inquiries, on March 16, 1969, and, thereafter, has been responsible for establishing the full-time operation of Mr. FORD's Grand Rapids Office.

VANDER TILL stated that he first became acquainted with Mr. FORD when he, VANDER TILL, worked in an intern program during the summer of 1965 for Mr. FORD in Washington, D.C. VANDER TILL stated that he attends meetings of the local Republican party in Mr. FORD's behalf, particularly when Mr. FORD is in Washington, D.C., acts as Mr. FORD's spokesman in the Grand Rapids area and is responsible for the administration of the Grand Rapids office.

VANDER TILL stated that Mr. FORD, without question, is an honest and reliable person of high moral integrity, a person who is considered to be a leader and is highly regarded by all of his friends and associates.

VANDER TILL stated that Mr. FORD represents a conservative constituency, and although is himself conservative, is always open minded and fair in dealing with people in all walks of life. He said that Mr. FORD is definitely in favor of equal rights for all persons and is a prudent man who considers all sides of the question before reaching a judgement.

VANDER TILL added that Mr. FORD, in his opinion, is one of the strictest as far as observing the rules set forth and use of campaign funds and the spending of these monies. He said Mr. FORD is "dead set" against committing any indiscretions concerning use of party funds. He said he has never known Mr. FORD to divert any money designated as party contributions to his own personal use and has always been a "stickler" as far as keeping records showing disposition of any funds furnished him by the party.

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VANDER TILL further advised that Mr. FORD, in his opinion, is highly qualified for the Vice Presidential position, pointing out that Mr. FORD is law trained, being a graduate of Yale Law School. He stated he has a facile mind, possesses and retains fantastic amounts of names and facts and whose recall of this information is most impressive and helpful. He stated that Mr. FORD is an honorable person, fair-minded, compassionate and understanding.

VANDER TILL stated that all of Mr. FORD's campaign expense reports show that Mr. FORD has paid for the use of leasing automobiles and that any checks Mr. FORD may have received back in which he made payments were turned over to the Republican Party Fund by him as a donation from the firm involved. VANDER TILL cited Row Motors, Grand Rapids, as an example, pointing out that on several occasions Mr. HAROLD ROCKWELL, who owns Row Motors, has returned Mr. FORD's check, which was issued for payment of a leased car and has complained that he, ROCKWELL, had donated the use of the car for Mr. FORD's use while in Grand Rapids. VANDER TILL stated that he has been instructed several times by Mr. FORD that he, Mr. FORD, would pay for the use of any vehicle leased by him and that if ROCKWELL would not accept it, Mr. FORD's check, that the money paid for the use of the vehicle be donated to the local party fund.

VANDER TILL also noted that Mr. FORD has on numerous occasions used the company-owned aircraft belonging to Amway Corporation, Bissell Company and Lear Siegler, all of Grand Rapids. He said that arrangements for the use of these aircraft are made through Mr. FORD's Washington Office with Northern Airway at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, where the aircrafts are housed.

VANDER TILL pointed out that Mr. FORD is a personal friend of the owners of the above firms and although he, VANDER TILL, is not personally aware of any prior arrangements made by officials of these firms with Mr. FORD, believed that the use of the aircrafts is done strictly on a friendship basis.

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VANDER TILL noted that the aircraft is usually used by Mr. FORD when there are no commercial flights available to expedite Mr. FORD's appearance at cities away from his district. He recalled that on many occasions Mr. FORD is reimbursed for his travel to these appearances for speaking engagements and that any money paid him for his travel is turned back to the companies for their expenses. He said he was unaware of any further details concerning Mr. FORD's use of the aircrafts and also advised that he knew of no "favours" that Mr. FORD has ever done through his position as Minority Leader or in any other capacity for the above firms.

VANDER TILL stated that Mr. FORD is a dedicated public servant, would be an excellent choice for Vice President and is a person whose integrity is unblemished.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on
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Mrs. MARBA PERROTT [redacted],
Grand Rapids, Michigan, who is employed as a caseworker-
clerk for Congressman FORD, was contacted at Mr. FORD's
office, Federal Building, Grand Rapids. Mrs. PERROTT
advised she has been employed on a full-time basis since
April 1, 1972, in Mr. FORD's office.

She said she has been acquainted with Mr. FORD
and his wife on a personal basis since 1948, when she,
Mrs. PERROTT, started as a volunteer worker for the
Republican Party in Kent County, Michigan. She said
she became a full-time worker for the Republican Party
in 1964, and as a result of her association with the FORDs,
has accompanied them as a staff worker and friend of
the FORDs to the Republican National Conventions, in 1960,
1964, 1968 and 1972.

Mrs. PERROTT related that Mr. FORD established
an office in Grand Rapids in 1969, with a full-time staff.
Prior to that time, he would bring his employees from
Washington, D.C., during recesses to operate his office,
which was then located on Cherry Street in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. PERROTT said that she has never known of any
indiscretions taken by Mr. FORD, particularly with party
funds and use of privately furnished transportation.
She pointed out that Mr. FORD is a person of high moral
character and integrity, is open and honest and to her knowledge,
would never accept cash contributions on a direct basis for
party support. She said she has never known of him to divert
any monies donated to the party for his own personal use.

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Mrs. PERROTT noted that the Republican National Committee has paid for Mr. and Mrs. FORD's accommodations at several of the recent conventions when Mr. FORD was Chairman of these conventions. She said that she, Mrs. PERROTT, paid her own transportation costs and that usually she would share a three or four room suite occupied by the FORDs.

Mrs. PERROTT continued that in her opinion any transportation used by Mr. FORD and furnished by local privately owned firms would be considered as donated by these firms for Mr. FORD's use and considered as a donation to the party. She said that Mr. FORD has used private aircrafts furnished by Bissell, Amway, and on occasion, Lear Siegler.

Mrs. PERROTT said that she has never made any arrangements for Mr. FORD to fly in any aircraft owned by these firms, but believed all plans to use these planes would be made ahead of time by Miss MILDRED LEONARD, Mr. FORD's office secretary at Washington, D.C. She said that Miss LEONARD would make arrangements for the use of any aircraft with [redacted], also known as [redacted], who is employed at Northern Air Service, Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids.

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Mrs. PERROTT said that she has visited at the FORDs' home in Alexandria, Virginia, on several occasions and from her own personal knowledge and observation, stated Mr. FORD is an excellent father and parent to his children and is able to successfully close out any Congressional business once he enters his home, in order that he might devote his full attention to his family. She said that Mr. FORD still owns a home at 1624 Sherman Street, Southeast, Grand Rapids, which is rented, and noted that he has not lived in this home for at least 19 years.

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Mrs. PERROTT said that Mr. FORD, in her opinion, is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President since he represents the very best of American citizenship and has proved himself to be an outstanding Representative of his constituents during the past 25 years. She believed Mr. FORD to be highly qualified based on his obvious success in Congress and would recommend him without hesitation.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on
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Miss THERESE J. TURKENBURG, [redacted],
Grand Rapids, who is employed as a receptionist-caseworker
for Congressman FORD, was interviewed at Mr. FORD's office
at the Federal Building, Grand Rapids.

Miss TURKENBURG stated she has been a full-time
employee for Mr. FORD since July, 1971, subsequent to her
graduation from Calvin College, Grand Rapids. Prior to
her graduation, Miss TURKENBURG worked on a part-time basis
for Mr. FORD, in a similar capacity.

Miss TURKENBURG stated that Mr. FORD, in her
opinion, possesses high moral character, excellent associates
and is open-minded. She said that he is completely in accord
with equal rights for all persons and has great respect for
other people's opinions and attitudes.

She added that Mr. FORD always has the time to
listen to and talk with everyone and believed that this
is characteristic of his being successful in his position
as a minority leader. She said further that Mr. FORD to
her knowledge has never committed any act of impropriety.
She volunteered that Mr. FORD, to her knowledge, always
pays for the use of an Oldsmobile from a local dealer, Mr.
HAROLD ROCKWELL, also known as Rocky, who owns Row Motors.
She pointed out specifically that on two or three occasions,
Mr. FORD wrote a check to Mr. ROCKWELL for the use of an
automobile whenever he returns to Grand Rapids and that this
check has been returned to FORD by ROCKWELL. She said that
she personally knew that Mr. FORD had instructed her to return
these checks he originally issued to Row Motors, pointing out
that if Mr. ROCKWELL wanted to donate to the Republican Party,
that he should do so to local party leaders.

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She also advised that Mr. FORD has on occasion used a company-owned aircraft, specifically, Bissell Company and Amway Corporation for travel to personal appearances or speaking engagements, as well as trips to Washington, D.C. She was unaware of the exact remunerations made by Mr. FORD and noted that use of these airplanes is always made by Miss MILDRED LEONARD, who is Mr. FORD's secretary in Washington, D.C. She added that usually arrangements by Miss LEONARD are conducted with [redacted] at Northern Air Service at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Miss TURKENBURG stated that she did not believe that Mr. FORD, based on her knowledge of him, would ever be involved in any improper use of aircraft, which would imply that he owed the firm, in whose aircraft he traveled a favor or any other type of service.

Miss TURKENBURG said she believed Mr. FORD to be extremely qualified for the position of Vice President and concluded that she knew of no derogatory information whatsoever concerning Mr. FORD or any member of his family.

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III. INTERVIEWS CONCERNING GRATUITOUS
USE OF ROW MOTORS COMPANY AUTOMOBILE

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM S. NOONAN at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on
October 19, 1973:

HAROLD W. ROCKWELL, President of Row Motors Company, 2500 East Beltline Road, Southeast, Grand Rapids, residence 3211 Bonnell, Southeast, Grand Rapids, stated that he once served as President of the Michigan Auto Dealers Association and has been a member of the Mayor's Welcoming Committee of Grand Rapids for 16 years.

ROCKWELL stated that while he does not know Mr. GERALD R. FORD on a personal basis, he has met him and is a supporter of him. ROCKWELL stated that he considers Mr. FORD to be a man of high character and to be above reproach insofar as his morals, ethics and loyalty are concerned. ROCKWELL stated that he thinks of Mr. FORD as a man of high principles and feels fortunate that such a man of his caliber holds public office. ROCKWELL stated that he knows of no derogatory information regarding Mr. FORD, his family or associates. He stated that he is not familiar with Mr. FORD's stand on civil rights but did say that Mr. FORD is a man that sticks to his views and does not change his stance on things once he makes a decision. As far as Mr. FORD's finances are concerned, ROCKWELL did not know of any unethical activities on Mr. FORD's part.

ROCKWELL stated that Mr. FORD has made use of and still uses automobiles from Row's Motors when he is in town. ROCKWELL stated that he lends Mr. FORD vehicles without charge for an overnight stay or for one day but that Mr. FORD insists on paying for this service if he uses the vehicles for over one day. He mentioned receiving a check for \$300.00 from Mr. FORD for a recent rental of one of his vehicles.

ROCKWELL wanted to make it clear that he (ROCKWELL) would provide this free service to anyone who serves the community.

ROCKWELL further stated that the only other item he has received from Mr. FORD, other than payment for the use of his vehicles, was a ticket to the 1969 Inauguration of President NIXON.

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**IV. INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES, NORTHERN
AIR SERVICE**

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

The following investigation was conducted on October 27, 1973, by SA [REDACTED], at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

[REDACTED] North States Aviation, 4521 Patterson Avenue, Southeast, advised that he does not know the appointee personally, but that he has been acquainted with GERALD FORD on a professional basis during the last 14 years. [REDACTED] stated that he was formerly employed by Northern Air Service, Kent County Airport, where he recalled that GERALD FORD often would arrive and depart the Grand Rapids area for Washington, D.C., on the corporate aircraft, of Northern Air Service. [REDACTED] said that nothing was unusual about this practice since this seemed to be normal practice and many of these corporate craft had seats available for shuttle runs into the Washington, D.C., area.

[REDACTED] considers Mr. FORD to be a very responsible individual and a public servant of high esteem. He advised that Mr. FORD is not the least bit racially biased and that he works for the good of all individuals regardless of race. Mr. FORD associates with business, civic, governmental and church leaders who are, themselves, of the highest repute. GERALD FORD is a loyal American and it is felt that he would be an extremely good buffer between President NIXON and the Congress, something which is much needed at this time. [REDACTED] highly recommends Mr. FORD for the position of Vice President.

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

The following investigation was conducted on October 17, 1973, by SA WALLACE ERICHSEN, JR., at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

EDWARD A. MC CREADY, President, North States Aviation, 4521 Patterson Avenue, Southeast, advised that he is the former owner of Northern Air Service, a fixed base operator at Kent County Airport. He stated that he has known GERALD FORD, both professionally and personally, over the last twenty years. He stated that Mr. FORD often flew to Grand Rapids in corporate aircraft stationed at Northern Air Service. Most of these trips were in connection with normal shuttle service conducted by Grand Rapids corporations between Washington, D. C., and Grand Rapids. Occasionally, aircraft were furnished to transport Mr. FORD to out-of-the-way places where he had speeches to give on a tight schedule. MC CREADY stated that this was normal operating practice and was not in the least bit unusual.

MC CREADY considers Mr. FORD to be highly qualified to be Vice President and added that Mr. FORD is so outstanding that he sets far above most politicians in honesty, trustworthiness and reliability in his estimation. He added that he knows of nothing in Mr. FORD's background that could even remotely prove embarrassing at a later date. His associates are of the highest caliber and added that GERALD FORD is undoubtedly one of the most loyal American citizens he knows. Mr. FORD's views seem to be unbiased in regards to racial matters in MC CREADY's estimation. He is fair and impartial in dealing with leaders in business and is concerned mostly that the right thing is done in all cases to benefit the greatest number of people.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan:

EDWARD MC CREADY, President, Northern States Aviation, 4321 Patterson Avenue, SE, advised that as far as he could recall Congressman GERALD FORD rode aboard corporate aircraft owned by private industries in the Grand Rapids area approximately 12 times during the years 1953 through 1968 while he, MC CREADY, was the owner of Northern Air Service at Kent County Airport. MC CREADY stated that these rides were arranged approximately two times a year and that they were basically used by Mr. FORD when he could not make connections on commercial airlines. MC CREADY reiterated that this practice was entirely normal and added that most corporations would not think twice about furnishing this service for public officials or other dignitaries. Mr. MC CREADY could not be more specific as to which corporations provided this service during the years he was at Northern Air Service.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 19, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

HAROLD J. STAAL, President, Northern Air Service, Kent County Airport, Kent County, Michigan, was contacted at his home, 2633 Hampshire Drive SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and furnished the following information:

Mr. STAAL stated that he has been acquainted with GERALD FORD for approximately 15 years. He also advised that he sees Mr. FORD approximately every two or three months when Mr. FORD may be passing through the airport at Grand Rapids, and Mr. STAAL, by coincidence is in his office. Mr. STAAL also stated that he does not consider himself a personal friend of Mr. FORD's, but knows him only on a professional level.

Mr. STAAL advised that Mr. FORD has used his airline to travel to and from Washington, D.C. On any of his trips from Grand Rapids to Washington or from Washington to Grand Rapids, Mr. FORD has always paid his bill by personal check. Mr. STAAL could not give an estimation regarding the amount of times Mr. FORD has used his airline for personal business, but stated his billing record would show Mr. FORD's paid bill. Mr. STAAL stated that these bills could be obtained at his office if necessary.

Mr. STAAL also stated that when Mr. FORD is requested to give a speech by a citizens group in Grand Rapids, such as the Kiwanis Club, it is common practice for the Kiwanis Club to pay Mr. FORD's air fare as part of his **speaker's fee**. Mr. STAAL also stated that he believed that certain of these clubs have prominent members, who own their own personal air craft, and in order to save these organizations money, Mr. FORD may have been flown to Grand Rapids in these personally owned airplanes. Mr. STAAL stated that he had no documentation regarding any specific instance where Mr. FORD was flown in a private plane to make a speech in the Grand Rapids area.

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Mr. STAAL stated that he knew of no instance where Mr. FORD had ever flown free on either one of his own planes or on any company planes that are based at his companies hanger. Mr. STAAL stated that his office manager, [REDACTED], might know of such an instance since she has more direct dealings with the actual booking of flights. Mr. STAAL added that it was common practice for persons or companies owning airplanes to fly their friends free of charge when a plane did not have a full complement of passengers, and such a friend might be going to the same destination as that plane. As an example, Mr. STAAL stated that if one of his planes was flying to Miami, Florida, and was not filled to capacity, he might call the personal friends of his, and offer them a free pleasure ride to Miami at no charge.

Mr. STAAL stated that this practice of "hitchhiking" is very commonplace among airline people and other individuals who have any type of association with airline companies.

Mr. STAAL also advised that he considers Mr. FORD to be a man of outstanding integrity and honesty. He also stated that he has no doubt about Mr. FORD's ability to discharge the duty of Vice-President of the United States, or President if that became necessary. Mr. STAAL also stated that he had never heard any derogatory information regarding Mr. FORD's actions while serving as a United States Congressman from Grand Rapids.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED], on October 23, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan:

GERRY STONE, Executive Vice President, Northern Air Service, Kent County Airport, advised that GERALD FORD's personal account with Northern Air Service shows very spasmodic charges. He stated that Mr. FORD utilized charter service at Northern Air Service only very rarely and then only when it was not possible for him to catch normal scheduled airline flights. STONE stated that a search of his corporate records shows only one charge during the last year for GERALD FORD. This charge was dated April 11, 1973, and was for a chartered flight from Detroit Wayne County Airport to Kent County Airport. This was billed directly to GERALD FORD's Office in Washington, D. C. He advised that as far as he knows GERALD FORD has chartered no other aircraft from Northern Air Service during the last 12 months.

Mr. STONE stated that he recalls that GERALD FORD would ride corporate aircraft hangared at Kent County Airport approximately three times a year. He could not remember which companies furnished this service since it was considered normal in the aviation business to provide rides for dignitaries and public officials when no other means of transportation was available.

Mr. STONE advised that records more than a year old would be difficult to obtain since they were stored in cardboard boxes in a separate facility. He added that GERALD FORD really did not have an open account with Northern Air Service and that billings for services were on a very occasional basis.

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED], on October 17, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan.

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Northern Air Service, Kent County Airport, advised that she
has known GERALD R. FORD on a professional and personal
basis over the last 18 years. She stated that she oftentimes
would provide air and ground transportation for Mr. FORD
when he would arrive from the Washington, D.C., area on speaking
tours.

[REDACTED] described Mr. FORD as being a very
warm and personable individual, stating that he associated
with persons of outstanding character. He is very honest
and trustworthy and would be a definite asset to the
Executive Branch of the Government as Vice President. She
stated Mr. FORD is not class conscious and is racially unbiased
and is a loyal American citizen. [REDACTED] continued by
stating that she knows of few other Americans who enjoy as
good a reputation as GERALD FORD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 19, 1973, at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

[redacted] home address [redacted] Southwest, Wyoming, Michigan, was interviewed at her residence on October 19, 1973, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] concerning any information she had about appointee's transportation arrangements. [redacted] is employed as [redacted] in the Avionics Department at Northern Air Service, [redacted] at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan. [redacted] advised that she is familiar with transportation arrangements that she made for appointee through Northern Air Service since about 1963. She stated that there were three methods of transportation appointees used in travelling between Grand Rapids and Washington, D.C.

The first method, and she believed the most common, were flights on scheduled airlines. She had no knowledge as to the frequency of these flights nor the method in which the tickets were paid.

The second method he used was to "hitch" or "deadhead" rides on corporate aircrafts that were going in the direction he was headed. [redacted] explained that deadheading is the practice of going along on a corporate flight into large air terminals to make connections with these scheduled airlines. As an example [redacted] stated that appointee might ride on a corporate aircraft into O'Hare Airport at Chicago, Illinois, in order to catch a scheduled flight into Washington, D.C. She added that occasionally the flights on corporate aircraft would go to Washington, D.C. direct thus eliminating the need for appointee to make connections with these scheduled airlines. [redacted] recalled that these rides had been furnished by corporate aircraft owned by Amway Corporation, Lear Siegler Incorporated and Bissell Incorporated, all of which are Grand Rapids firms. She could not recall appointee flying on other corporate aircraft. She stated that she knew of no other congressman or public officials who rode corporate aircraft in this matter inasmuch as she knows no other public officials. She described this practice as being infrequent stating that appointee would travel this way four or five times a year. She could not be more specific as to when these flights occurred. [redacted] advised that

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she often was contacted by unknown individuals in appointee's office in Washington, D.C. in an effort to arrange this transaction. She added that since she considered appointee to be a personal friend she would often drive him to and from the Kent County Airport when he had no other means of ground transportation available. Again [] reiterated that she could not recall the frequency of these automobile rides in her personally owned automobile other than to state that she did this more than three but probably less than 10 times over the past ten years. [] stated that she was never reimbursed for this travel by appointee and felt it would have been highly improper for appointee to attempt to reimburse her because of the rapport established by the two friends. As far as she knows the corporations that gave appointee rides never received remuneration nor did they ever receive any kind of governmental favors or special treatments due to appointee's congressional position.

The third method appointee used to travel between Grand Rapids and Washington, D.C. was by aircraft that were chartered from Northern Air Service. These flights were often made in connection with Mr. FORD's speaking engagements. She explained that they were paid for by the organization that appointee would speak before in Grand Rapids. She could not recall which organizations had chartered flights for appointee. She advised that Northern Air Service would have no record as to the frequency or destination of flights chartered by Grand Rapids organizations in transporting appointee. [] emphatically stated that she had no records nor could she specifically recall the dates or the frequency on which she would make arrangements for appointee to travel between Washington, D.C. and Grand Rapids. She stated that she could not provide any information on appointee's itinerary in Grand Rapids.

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V. INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES,
BISSELL COMPANY

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 17, 1971.

JOHN BISSELL, President, Bissell Company, 2345 Walker, Northwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan, furnished the following information:

BISSELL stated that he is a member of the Kent County, Michigan, Republican Party and he first met GERALD FORD in 1967, at a Republican Party function. He further advised that since this meeting he has had approximately two to three contacts with Mr. FORD per year and that these contacts are mainly of a social and political nature. BISSELL advised that most of the contacts are directly related to his membership in the Republican Party and that he formerly served on the Kent County Republican Party Ticket Sales Committee in 1971, which organized a \$100.00 a plate dinner in an effort to solicit funds for Republican candidates.

BISSELL stated that he has no information regarding campaign contributions contributed to Mr. FORD throughout his political career and he personally has not been contacted to contribute funds to any of Mr. FORD's campaigns.

BISSELL described Mr. FORD as a sincere politician who feels deep concern for the welfare of his constituency and who works diligently at solving many of the problems which confront citizens in the Grand Rapids area, as well as those faced by other Americans. BISSELL also stated Mr. FORD is a man of integrity who has built a reputation as being a hard worker and a law and order man. He further advised that he knows of nothing unfavorable regarding Mr. FORD, and that he would highly recommend Mr. FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

BISSELL was questioned as to whether or not he personally donated transportation to Congressman FORD at any time since their initial contact. BISSELL stated that at no time has he donated any form of transportation to Mr. FORD and that he has no information of any other resident of Grand Rapids ever making offers of free transportation to Mr. FORD. He was never requested any personal favors from Mr. FORD and to the best of his knowledge no Republicans in the Grand Rapids area have personally benefited through their association with Mr. FORD in the form of receiving personal favors.

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ASSOCIATE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 17, 1973.

HARRY J. BLOEM, Executive Vice President, Bissell Company, 2345 Walker, Northwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan, stated he has been a member of the Kent County, Michigan, Republican Party for the past 20 years and he met GERALD FORD approximately 20 years ago at a Republican Party function. BLOEM stated that during the past 20 years, he has met Mr. FORD approximately three to five times per year, mainly at party functions.

He stated that on one occasion, approximately one year ago, following a speech by JOHN VOLPE, Mr. FORD attended a party at BLOEM's residence. BLOEM stated that he has corresponded with Mr. FORD in the past to secure information regarding the appropriate government agency which could furnish BLOEM with interpretations of various laws passed by Congress which directly affected the Bissell Company.

BLOEM advised that he has no knowledge of Mr. FORD's fund-raising campaigns and he has no unfavorable information concerning Mr. FORD. He further stated that he would describe Mr. FORD as a man of integrity and sincerity, who has devoted the past 25 years of his life solving problems of the country and aiding his constituency.

BLOEM further advised that [redacted] is currently a second year law student at Vanderbilt University and during the period January through February, 1971, [redacted] was employed by Mr. FORD as a Congressional intern, working out of Mr. FORD's office in Washington, D.C. BLOEM stated that this employment was obtained for his son after a request was personally made to Mr. FORD. He further advised that since [redacted] employment [redacted] has commented on numerous occasions as to the diligent manner in which Mr. FORD performs his duties and the conscientiousness which he instills in all his employees.

BLOEM stated that he would recommend Mr. FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On October 23, 1973, BLOEM advised SA ROBERT C. DU HADWAY the Bissell Company has owned a Cessna 310, non-pressurized, four passenger aircraft since the early 1960s. BLOEM stated the aircraft's operation comes directly under his control and he has the ultimate responsibility for all flights. BLOEM stated he is the corporate official who authorizes the use of a company airplane and that the company has aircraft flight records going back to 1970. BLOEM stated he reviewed these records for information concerning the use of the aircraft by Mr. FORD. BLOEM stated their aircraft records show that Mr. FORD has flown on the Bissell aircraft only once in the past 33 months and that on one other occasion a flight was scheduled but was canceled. BLOEM stated that on Sunday, September 2, 1973, Mr. FORD flew on their aircraft from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Cleveland, Ohio. BLOEM stated on September 2, 1973, Mr. FORD was flown on their aircraft because he was unable to make connections out of Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C., so as a service to Mr. FORD and the United States Government they flew him to Cleveland so he could get an airplane to Washington, D. C. BLOEM stated Mr. FORD did not pay for this flight and he added the company would never request payment from Mr. FORD in that he feels their company has provided a service to the government by getting Mr. FORD back to Washington, D. C., most expeditiously. He stated no one else paid for Mr. FORD's use of their airplane and that Mr. FORD has not done any favors for their company.

BLOEM stated that Mr. FORD was scheduled to fly on their aircraft on April 10, 1973, from Grand Rapids to Detroit, Michigan. BLOEM added this flight was canceled and there is no reason listed as to why Mr. FORD was using the plane.

He stated Mr. JOHN BISSELL, President of the Bissell Company, would have no personal knowledge of who uses the company aircraft. BLOEM stated he has never authorized their company airplane to be used by any of Mr. FORD's associates and that he would never fly Mr. FORD on any personal venture.

BLOEM stated the Bissell Company has never had any government contracts.

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BLOEM stated he is contacted by [redacted] when Mr. FORD needs to use the services of their company aircraft. He stated their aircraft is hangared at Northern Air Service at the Kent County Airport and they employ [redacted] as [redacted]. BLOEM stated [redacted] has been employed by the Bissell Company for over five years.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT C. DU HADWAY on October 23, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan:

Mr. HARRY J. BLOEM, Executive Vice President,
Bissell, 2345 Walker, NW, furnished SA DU HADWAY Bissell
Company aircraft records for the past 33 months. BLOEM stated
that they have no other records concerning aircraft flights.
SA DU HADWAY reviewed the above records for flights of
Mr. GERALD FORD on Bissell's aircraft. These records revealed
that on September 2, 1973, Mr. FORD was flown from Grand Rapids
to Cleveland, Ohio, and that on April 10, 1973, Mr. FORD was
scheduled to fly from Grand Rapids to Detroit but this flight
was canceled. The above records contained no other information
that Mr. FORD used the Bissell Company aircraft.

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The following investigation was conducted on October 23, 1973, by SA ROBERT C. DU HADWAY at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

[redacted] Pilot, Bissell Company, 2345 Walker, NW, Grand Rapids, advised he has been employed as a pilot for the Bissell Company since December 31, 1968. He stated Mr. HARRY BLOEM, Executive Vice President of Bissell, has the responsibility for the aircraft and he authorizes all flights as well as reviews all passenger lists.

[redacted] stated that in early 1969, he picked up Mr. FORD in the Bissell plane at Detroit, Michigan, and flew Mr. FORD back to Grand Rapids. He stated there was another employee of Bissell along with him on the above flight. He stated he could not recall the reason for picking up Mr. FORD or why Mr. FORD was coming to Grand Rapids. He stated Mr. FORD did not offer to pay for the above flight and that he was not told to ask Mr. FORD for any payment for this flight.

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He stated to the best of his knowledge he could not recall any other times that Mr. FORD was on the Bissell plane except on one other occasion which is documented by company flight records believed to be in September, 1973.

[redacted] stated he is the only pilot employed by the Bissell Company.

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VI. INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES, LEAR
SIEGLER, INCORPORATED

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

Mr. JOSEPH A. PARINI, President, Lear Siegler, Inc., Instrument Division, 4141 Eastern Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, advised that he has been President since July, 1973. He has been employed by Lear Siegler since 1962, and prior to becoming President of the Instrument Division served as head of the firm's Engineering Section within the Instrument Division. He noted that corporate headquarters for Lear Siegler is in Santa Monica, California.

Mr. PARINI advised that he was not acquainted with Mr. GERALD FORD except on a casual basis and on those occasions when he was present for speeches made by Congressman FORD. He noted that Mr. FORD has an excellent reputation in this area for his honesty and integrity and has never been aware of any detrimental information concerning Mr. FORD. He was of the opinion Mr. FORD was highly qualified for the position of Vice President based on his performance as Congressman and Minority Leader.

He stated Mr. FORD, to his knowledge, has never acted in special behalf for Lear Siegler other than to handle inquiries from Lear Siegler regarding possible Defense Department contracts on which Lear Siegler had made bids.

Mr. PARINI stated that Mr. FORD has not made any trips on the one airplane owned by the Instrument Division since he, PARINI, became President of that division. He stated the company plane is to be used on company business only and that no outside persons are to ride in the plane without his permission. He added he was unaware of any recent requests made by Congressman FORD's Office and noted any request for use of the plane by Mr. FORD would first be made to the division's public relations office.

He added that if Mr. FORD did make a request to use the plane and it was traveling to a point near Mr. FORD's destination on company business, that he, as President of the division, would probably allow Mr. FORD to travel on

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board if there was space available. He stated he did not expect that Mr. FORD would feel obliged for riding on their plane or would he, Mr. PARINI, expect Mr. FORD to reimburse the company or expect any favor in return by Mr. FORD.

Mr. PARINI stated he would be the corporate officer to make the final determination on use and travel on the division's plane by anyone outside the employ of Lear Siegler or those persons not customers or suppliers.

Mr. PARINI advised that approximately 90 to 95 percent of the firm's business is dependent on government contracts. He stated Lear Siegler manufactures gyroscopes, digitized computers, cockpit instruments and altimeters.

Mr. PARINI further explained that any inquiry made by his division to Congressman FORD's Office concerning government contracts were made after Defense Department officials were either unable or evasive in advising to whom contracts were awarded where Lear Siegler had made a bid. He noted that any inquiry to Mr. FORD's Office would have been several days after the date on which an announcement was to have been made by the Defense Department. He advised a call was felt necessary since it was important for Lear Siegler to know this information in order to keep necessary personnel on the payroll and to make production plans.

He stated he saw nothing unusual in the above since he felt contacting Mr. FORD's Office is an opportunity available to all citizens in his Congressional district.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

RONALD V. PAOLUCCI, Group Vice President, Lear Siegler, Inc., 4141 Eastern Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, advised that he served as President of the Instrument Division of Lear Siegler in Grand Rapids for the past four years prior to being promoted to the title of Group Vice President with corporate headquarters at Santa Monica, California.

Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that he has been an employee of Lear Siegler for the past 17 years in Grand Rapids and has been personally acquainted with Congressman FORD during the past four years. He stated he has known Mr. FORD as the District Congressman and stated that Mr. FORD is a sincere, hardworking man whose integrity and honesty are above question. He stated Mr. FORD has worked hard to maintain these outstanding characteristics and noted that the ease with which Mr. FORD has been re-elected is indicative of the way that his constituents feel about his performance in Washington, D. C.

Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that he has never regarded Mr. FORD as an individual who uses his weight to get special favors for friends and stated that he considered Mr. FORD more on the image of a statesman than as a politician.

Mr. PAOLUCCI related that Congressman FORD in his opinion has Civil Rights views in line with the administration which he, PAOLUCCI, feels are conservative. He was of the opinion that Mr. FORD is outspoken against crossbussing, however, believes Mr. FORD is an advocate for equal rights for all.

Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that during the time that he held the position of President of the Instrument Division that he has never known of Mr. FORD to perform or act in any special behalf for Lear Siegler other than to handle inquiries from Lear Siegler as he would for any other area constituent. He specifically noted that Lear Siegler is dependent for 95 percent of their business on government awarded contracts. He stated that on occasion it has been necessary to telephone Mr. FORD's office in Washington, D. C., to determine any trend

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in the Defense Department concerning pending contracts in which Lear Siegler had bid and for which they were awaiting final determination.

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Mr. PAOLUCCI advised that [] is the Chief Pilot for Lear Siegler at Grand Rapids and has been a pilot for the firm for 17 years. He stated that [] was in Tennessee with the one aircraft owned by the Instrument Division and would not be available for interview until Thursday, October 25, 1973. Mr. PAOLUCCI related that a search of daily activity logs for the firm's aircraft from January, 1968, to the present time indicated three instances only where Mr. FORD has used the Lear Siegler plane. He stated that the company policy concerning Mr. FORD is to allow Mr. FORD use of the aircraft as a passenger when space is available and whenever the airplane is scheduled to go in the direction of area in which Mr. FORD has a commitment. He stated that the Lear Siegler Company has never furnished their aircraft at the specific request of Mr. FORD to fly him alone.

Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that any request for use of the aircraft by Mr. FORD was usually made through his, Mr. PAOLUCCI's Office, and that he, Mr. PAOLUCCI, would check with the firm's controller to see if the aircraft would be available at the date and time needed by Mr. FORD. He stated these requests would usually come to Lear Siegler from Mr. FORD's Washington, D. C., office.

Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that the three instances in which Mr. FORD used the firm's plane were on March 14, 1969, from Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C., and return; on August 14, 1969, from Washington, D. C., to Traverse City, Michigan, Mr. FORD and wife; and on October 4, 1971, Mr. FORD and Congressman WILMER MIZELL of North Carolina, a trip from Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C., which departed Grand Rapids at 11:30 p.m. Mr. PAOLUCCI stated that he recalled the last use by Mr. FORD and Congressman MIZELL inasmuch as Congressman MIZELL had been in Grand Rapids to make a speech and Mr. FORD made arrangements through Lear Siegler to fly back to Washington, D. C., in order that Mr. MIZELL might be able to attend a committee hearing the next morning.

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Mr. PAOLICCI stated that Lear Siegler frequently flies equipment and parts to firms in the aircraft industry as well as laboratories of major aircraft company's along the East Coast and uses their plane to transport some of this equipment. He stated that at no time could he ever recall Mr. FORD using the plane without the aircraft being in the vicinity on a business trip for the firm. He also advised that the aircraft is seldom used by anyone outside of the firm including relatives of employee's except on an emergency basis. In those instances the aircraft is used after approval is given to the pilot by the division president and controller. Mr. PAOLICCI pointed out that at no time has he ever known of Mr. FORD attempt to make restitution to the company for use of the airplane and noted that the company realized that a wrong impression could be obtained by the company's flying Mr. FORD. He stated that records prior to January 1, 1968, were in storage and could be located and researched for any additional usage of the airplane by Mr. FORD if necessary.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

[redacted], Product Information Office, Lear Siegler, Inc., Instrument Division, 4141 Eastern Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, advised he has been employed by Lear Siegler for 13 years. He advised his office has been contacted over the years by Congressman FORD's Office at Washington, D. C., whenever Mr. FORD has need of a ride on their division airplane. He stated these requests, which have been few, were usually made by Mr. FRANK MEYERS, now deceased, who was Mr. FORD's Administrative Assistant. He stated no record has been kept whenever Mr. FORD's Office has called.

He advised that the use of the division's airplane by Mr. FORD when there is space available is usually authorized by the President of the division. He noted that company policy otherwise prohibits anyone not in the employ of the company, other than customers or suppliers, to fly on the airplane. Any other exception would have to be authorized by the division President.

[redacted] stated that he has never known Mr. FORD to reimburse the company when he has used the airplane or was any request made of Mr. FORD to pay for his flight. He pointed out the use of the airplane by Mr. FORD is done as a means of helping Mr. FORD carry out his job as Congressman for this area and no special favors were expected by Lear Siegler.

[redacted] advised his firm, as well as Mr. FORD, are well aware of this possible allegation that could arise out of his using the firm's aircraft. He noted Lear Siegler is heavily dependent on obtaining Defense Department contracts for their business. He added that no special treatment has ever been extended to Mr. FORD in allowing him to fly on the firm's plane. He specifically noted that anytime Mr. FORD did fly it was only on a scheduled business flight where there were other passengers and equipment bound for the same destination.

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[] added that Lear Siegler has never expected Mr. FORD to intercede or influence anyone in the company's behalf. He advised that to his knowledge Mr. FORD has never acted in this manner.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 18, 1973, at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

[redacted] Industrial Relations Department, Lear-Seigler, Incorporated, 4141 Easter, advised that he has known appointee, GERALD R. FORD, since 1966 as a constituent in his district. He stated that he considers Mr. FORD a professional, hardworking, topnotch Congressman and indicated he is very impressed with Mr. FORD. He stated that he is the best Congressman he has ever contacted. He indicated that he felt Mr. FORD was doing a great job and would be an outstanding choice for the Vice Presidential position. [redacted] stated that in all his contacts with Mr. FORD and Mr. FORD's office, he has always received a direct and immediate response.

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that he was unaware of any derogatory information in the background of Mr. FORD and he indicated he would highly recommend Mr. FORD based on his character, loyalty and associates.

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**VII. INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES,
DAVERMAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED**

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ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 18, 1973:

JOSEPH THEODORE DAVERMAN, President, Daverman Associates, Incorporated, 200 Monroe Street, Grand Rapids, advised that he resides at 249 Dogwood, Ada, Michigan.

He stated that he is approximately the same age as GERALD FORD and has known the FORD family all of his life.

He stated that he knows GERALD FORD on a casual basis only.

He advised that the last personal contact he had with GERALD FORD was on the night of August 30, 1973 when he attended a dinner at the Cascade Hills Country Club, 3725 Cascade Road, Southeast, in Grand Rapids, at which GERALD FORD was the guest speaker.

Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he knows GERALD FORD's brother, Dr. JAMES FORD, more intimately, since Dr. Ford is his personal optometrist. He stated that he and JAMES FORD are also members of the Cascade Hills Country Club and have played golf and attended social functions there together on many occasions.

He advised that he also knows TOM and RICHARD FORD, brothers of GERALD FORD, but on a much more casual basis than his association with JAMES FORD.

He also advised that he knew GERALD FORD's administrative assistant, FRANK MEYERS, on a personal and social basis.

Mr. DAVERMAN advised that his firm is an architect-design-engineering business which is primarily involved in the design of shopping centers, schools, colleges, and work for the Michigan State Department of Corrections.

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He stated that his firm has done very few government contract type jobs which total would only constitute about two to three per cent of their business volume. He stated his firm designed the present Grand Rapids Post Office building about ten years ago.

Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he has had some business contacts with Mr. GERALD FORD in his Washington, D.C. office, primarily seeking his help in making contact with persons or firms interested in this firm's services.

He stated that Daverman Associates, Incorporated owns a small twin engine Cessna aircraft, having a maximum seating capacity of six including the pilot. He stated that GERALD FORD may have been a passenger in this aircraft in the past, however, he cannot recall any specific occasion. He advised that GERALD FORD definitely has not been a passenger in this aircraft on a frequent basis.

He emphatically stated that GERALD FORD has not been flown in this aircraft between Washington, D.C. and Grand Rapids on a frequent basis so as to obtain any favoritism or obligation from him for any reason.

He stated that he does not know GERALD FORD well enough to comment on his personal life or to make any statement concerning his political qualifications, however, he does know that GERALD FORD enjoys an excellent reputation in the Grand Rapids area as being one of the most honest, efficient, and dedicated leaders in the United States Congress. He stated he knows of no derogatory information concerning GERALD FORD or any member of his family and knows of no reason why he should not be the next Vice President.

He stated that based upon his knowledge and association with the FORD family during his lifetime, he does not believe that GERALD FORD would obligate himself to any business firm or group for any reason as he has been very careful, during his political career, to keep his name and reputation free of any question of wrongdoing.

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Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he has made personal contributions to GERALD FORD's campaign funds in the past in the amount of \$50.00 to \$100.00. He stated that his wife has never made a cash contribution to GERALD FORD's campaign fund and Mr. FORD's campaign fund records would so indicate.

He further advised neither he nor any official of this firm has been an officer in Mr. FORD's campaign committee.

Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he believes GERALD FORD to be a man of outstanding reputation and character. He also advised that he believes Mr. FORD's morals to be above reproach and his loyalty to be unquestionable.

Mr. DAVERMAN reiterated that he knows of no reason why GERALD FORD should not be approved as the Vice President and he added that he believed that Mr. FORD would do an excellent job in that high office.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan:

JOSEPH THEODORE DAVERMAN, President, Daverman Associates, Inc., 200 Monroe, NW, advised that the Daverman Company's aircraft, which is a Cessna 310M twin engine, was used to fly GERALD R. FORD to the following locations on the following dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 17, 1960	Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Hartford, Connecticut, to Washington, D. C.
August 22, 1961	Grand Rapids to Willow Run Airport, Detroit, Michigan, (the old main Detroit airport)
October 30, 1961	Grand Rapids to Willow Run
June 15, 1963	Grand Rapids to Jacksonville, Illinois
October 2, 1963	Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C.
September 2, 1964	Grand Rapids to Waukeshaw, Wisconsin

Mr. DAVERMAN stated company records do not reflect the purpose of these flights but stated that to the best of his recollection these flights were made in connection with speeches made by Congressman FORD and were done to assist him in making connections with other airline flights or to return him to his office in Washington, D. C. Mr. DAVERMAN stated that these flights were not usually planned in advance and that to the best of his knowledge arrangements at Grand Rapids were probably made by a FORD employee named FRANK MYER who is now deceased. DAVERMAN stated that any request now

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Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he has made personal contributions to GERALD FORD's campaign funds in the past in the amount of \$100 to \$1000. He stated that his firm has never made any contribution to GERALD FORD's campaign funds and Mr. FORD's campaign fund records would so indicate.

He further advised neither he nor any official of this firm has been an official in Mr. FORD's campaign committee.

Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he believes GERALD FORD to be a man of outstanding reputation and character. He also advised that he believes Mr. FORD's morals to be above reproach and his loyalty to be unquestionable.

Mr. DAVERMAN reiterated that he knows of no reason why GERALD FORD should not be approved as the Vice President and he added that he believed that Mr. FORD would do an excellent job in that high office.

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for a flight for Mr. FORD would be placed before the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors would make the decision whether to make the flight or not. Mr. DAVERMAN stated that he cannot remember when a formal request was ever made to fly Congressman FORD to any location and that he believes the flights were all made "on the spur of the moment" and done as a favor to Congressman FORD as a public service. DAVERMAN reiterated that his company has no products to sell and its main purpose is to provide architectural service. DAVERMAN again stated that his company very rarely receives a government contract and certainly his company would never have received any contract as a result of influence acquired by them through Mr. FORD. DAVERMAN advised that his company never expected any favor or assistance from GERALD FORD in return for any airplane flight they have provided.

Mr. DAVERMAN stated that his airplane was made available to Mr. FORD only when it was needed for transportation and to help him only because his office had been of great assistance in providing names of persons to contact in Washington, D. C., for business reasons as any other Congressman would do for his constituents. DAVERMAN stated that he would estimate his company's aircraft was used less than five percent for noncompany usage. DAVERMAN advised company business always had priority in aircraft scheduling and usage. DAVERMAN stated Congressman FORD never paid for flights provided by his company and his company never expected reimbursement in any form.

In conclusion DAVERMAN advised that his company discontinued making flights for Mr. FORD in 1964, as the company business demanded more and more aircraft usage and it was decided that public service flights would have to be kept at a bare minimum.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Grand Rapids. [redacted] advised he is currently [redacted] for Daverman Associates, Inc., and further advised he had provided Mr. JOSEPH DAVERMAN with the dates of flights provided by Daverman Company for GERALD R. FORD. [redacted] stated he obtained the dates from an aircraft log kept by the Daverman Company. [redacted] stated the only flight piloted by him with GERALD FORD as a passenger was a flight which occurred on September 2, 1964, which was from Grand Rapids to Madison, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated Mr. FORD flew in his aircraft to Waukesha, Wisconsin, and also was returned to Grand Rapids by the Daverman aircraft. [redacted] stated he had no knowledge of the purpose of the flight by Mr. FORD but that he could surmise that it was on some sort of public service type business. [redacted] advised that all decisions for making public service flights were made by the Board of Directors of Daverman Associates, Inc., and any arrangements made were made through the Board of Directors. [redacted] stated that he would estimate that less than five percent of the total aircraft usage was used for noncompany type flights and that company usage always had priority for the Daverman aircraft. [redacted] stated he had never heard of any favors which Mr. FORD might have done Daverman Associates, Inc., in return for aircraft flights. [redacted] advised he is not aware of the purpose of earlier flights prior to 1964, but he has always heard these flights were in connection with public service visits to Grand Rapids by Congressman FORD. [redacted] stated that he believes these public service flights were ended in 1964, because the company only has one aircraft and company business took up most of the aircraft usage.

In conclusion, [redacted] advised that he has never had any reason to believe that the flights were provided to Mr. FORD for other than assistance in helping Congressman FORD meet his schedules and to his knowledge Mr. FORD made no payments to the company for these flights and the company did not expect any payments.

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The following investigation was conducted by [REDACTED] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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PAUL L. HOWARD, 1838 Manoninee, SE, was interviewed at his residence and advised that he is presently retired. HOWARD stated that he had been the pilot for Daverman Associates, Inc., from July or August, 1960, until October, 1963. HOWARD advised that he had flown GERALD R. FORD to several locations on several occasions. HOWARD stated these flights were performed in the Daverman Associates, Inc., aircraft. HOWARD advised he kept a log summary which is still held by the Daverman Company. HOWARD stated he remembers the following information about flights he made with GERALD R. FORD:

September 17, 1960, Grand Rapids to Hartford, Connecticut, to Washington, D. C. HOWARD advised the purpose of this flight was to enable Mr. FORD to make speeches supporting a military appropriations bill. HOWARD advised this trip was sponsored by Congress.

August 22, 1961 and October 30, 1961, Grand Rapids to Willow Run Airport, Detroit, Michigan (Detroit's main airport). HOWARD stated these flights were to enable Mr. FORD to make connections with commercial airlines at Detroit to further fly to Washington, D. C.

June 15, 1963, Grand Rapids to Jacksonville, Illinois. HOWARD stated this trip was to enable Mr. FORD to make a speech. The purpose of the speech is not recalled by HOWARD.

October 2, 1963, Grand Rapids to Washington, D. C. HOWARD stated this flight was to enable FORD to return to Washington, D. C., to attend a session in Congress. HOWARD advised that in relation to the above flights he never heard of any favors done by FORD for Daverman Associates, Inc., to repay for the use of the airplane.

HOWARD advised that Mr. FORD and his staff did not make any payments for flights and the company did not ask for any payments. HOWARD stated he believes the flights were provided by Daverman Company because Mr. FORD was a local Congressman and because it was good "public relations".

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HOWARD stated he had nothing to do with any arrangements made for flights for Mr. FORD and that all arrangements were made between GERALD FORD's staff and the staff at Daverman Company.

HOWARD stated that less than three percent of plane use was for noncompany purposes and that company business always had first priority with Daverman, Inc. Mr. HOWARD advised that the Daverman plane could be made available for many company officials and that GERALD R. FORD did not receive any preferential treatment. Mr. HOWARD again reiterated that Mr. FORD never repaid Daverman Company for the airplane flights by using his influence and in addition stated he would have no hesitancy in recommending Mr. FORD for the highest of government positions.

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VIII. INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES,
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED], on October 17, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

JAY VAN ANDEL, 7186 Windy Hill, Southeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Chairman of the Board, Amway Corporation, 7375 East Fulton, Ada, Michigan, advised he has known GERALD FORD for 15 years and considers Mr. FORD's character, loyalty and morals to be above reproach. He advised Mr. FORD is truly a man of his word. He advised Mr. FORD has a way of establishing associations with outstanding individuals.

Mr. VAN ANDEL stated he would classify Mr. FORD's overall political views as conservative Republican and Mr. FORD has been called a pragmatist by persons in the past, a trait which he feels is admirable.

He advised he is unable to comment on Mr. FORD's ability as an attorney nor has he discussed Mr. FORD's ability as an attorney with anyone else. He advised that he, VAN ANDEL, is the Republican Financial Chairman for the State of Michigan and in this capacity can state Mr. FORD's need for campaign funds is limited as his position in Congress is virtually assured. He has had political campaign committees consisting of close friends who contribute money to his campaign organization; however, more money is contributed than is used. When this occurs, Mr. FORD has always diverted the excess money to the campaigns of other people running on the Republican ticket. He advised he has never known the appointee to use political funds for personal use.

Mr. JAY VAN ANDEL, Chairman of the Board of Amway Corporation, 7575 Fulton, Ada, Michigan, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on October 18, 1973, regarding information that Mr. FORD has been provided airplane transportation between Grand Rapids and Washington, D. C., by the Amway Corporation. Mr. VAN ANDEL advised that Mr. FORD has been provided this type of transportation on infrequent occasions. These occasions fall into three separate categories.

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The first category would be when Mr. FORD secured speakers for Chamber of Commerce fund raising dinners in Metropolitan Grand Rapids area, Amway Company affairs and local businessmen's groups, and organizations, one of them being the Lotus Club.

The second category would be for infrequent political occasions which Mr. VAN ANDEL advised were very limited in number. Mr. VAN ANDEL advised that the cost for this transportation was directly charged to his, Mr. VAN ANDEL's personal account. Mr. VAN ANDEL stated he paid for these charges because of his personal friendship with Mr. FORD and because Mr. FORD was always willing to speak or assist in obtaining speakers for social, civic and service organizations in the Grand Rapids Community.

The third category of transportation would be courtesy flights. Mr. VAN ANDEL advised that several times a month their planes fly to Washington, D. C. and back, and individuals in the Washington area from Grand Rapids have been invited to fill available seats on these flights. Mr. VAN ANDEL stated that there are approximately 20 individuals that have standing invitations to make these flights when there are available seats. He said there is no regular schedule of flights made but are only made when the Amway Corporation has business commitments in Washington, D. C.

Mr. VAN ANDEL advised that all three categories of flights are provided to Mr. FORD as a courtesy and stated that neither he nor the company has received any considerations for these services.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

RICHARD DE VOS, President, Amway Corporation, 7575 East Fulton, Ada, Michigan, advised that his company owns two Lockheed Jet Star airplanes, each of which can carry nine passengers in addition to their regular crew. He advised that the company has had at least one airplane for the last five years. He stated the company's airplanes are used for company flights throughout the world and the policy of the company is that transportation on the airplanes is available to almost anyone, whether employed by the company or not, if seats are available on a scheduled flight. Authorization for anyone to fly on one of the company's airplanes must come from either DE VOS or JAY VAN ANDEL, Chairman of the Board of Amway Corporation.

DE VOS advised that flights on company airplanes are sometimes made available to persons when the flight would require making a special trip somewhere for other than company business. He described these flights as being made for contributions to the community and cited as an example a recent flight made to Boston, Massachusetts, from Grand Rapids to provide transportation for musical conductor ARTHUR FIEDLER who gave a performance in Grand Rapids and who needed transportation to Boston upon completion.

DE VOS stated that on other occasions the company provides air transportation on an Amway airplane to persons who have been asked to come to Grand Rapids to speak to Amway functions such as their annual conventions. He advised transportation in a case like this is provided as part of the condition for the person to appear to give the speech. He cited as an example a time when GERALD R. FORD was flown from Washington, D. C., to Grand Rapids and return to speak at ground breaking activities for a new building of Amway.

DE VOS advised that JAY VAN ANDEL is Chairman of the Michigan Republican Fund Raising Committee and on occasion GERALD R. FORD has accompanied VAN ANDEL on flights in the

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Amway aircraft to political fund raising affairs. In cases like this the expenses for transportation are paid for out of the personal funds of JAY VAN ANDEL.

DE VOS stated that GERALD FORD has never paid for transportation on an Amway flight and would never be expected to do so. He stated FORD is never given free transportation in hopes that he could bring about some political influence that might benefit the company or for any personal venture. He added that his company does no business under any government contract. His company's primary business is the manufacture and sale of home cleaning products and sells worldwide through independent distributors.

DE VOS advised that any flights furnished to GERALD FORD have been initiated by Amway Corporation and a request for free transportation has never come from FORD or any member of his staff in either Grand Rapids or Washington, D. C. He added that no member of FORD's staff ever accompanied him on an Amway flight. DE VOS stated he has never contributed or been asked to contribute to a political campaign of GERALD R. FORD but has contributed to the Republican Party.

DE VOS advised that he has known FORD personally for four or five years and regards him as being very honest, of high moral character, loyal and conscientious to the point where he will listen to the problem of anyone even if he may be of opposing political views and attempt to help him find a solution. He advised he knows of nothing derogatory in FORD's background and knows of no reason he should not be considered for a position of trust in the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

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[redacted] Chief Pilot, Amway Corporation, 7575 East Fulton, Ada, Michigan, made available for review flight logs for 1973 relating to flights pertaining to travel by GERALD R. FORD. He advised that in 1973, there have only been three occasions when Mr. FORD traveled on Amway Corporation's aircraft. He advised that on February 23, 1973, an Amway airplane flew from Washington, D. C., to Grand Rapids for the primary purpose of returning JAY VAN ANDEL, Chairman of the Board of Amway Corporation to Grand Rapids. VAN ANDEL had been in Washington, D. C. to attend a regular monthly Chamber of Commerce board meeting and as the airplane was returning to Grand Rapids there was space available and an offer was made to Mr. FORD to furnish him transportation to Grand Rapids if he desired. Mr. FORD accepted the offer and was furnished one way transportation to Grand Rapids.

On July 23, 1973, GERALD FORD was in Grand Rapids for a political fund raising activity and accompanied JAY VAN ANDEL on an Amway airplane to Benton Harbor, Michigan, for another political fund raising function. They both returned to Grand Rapids via the same Amway airplane and he understands payment for the flight was paid by personal funds of JAY VAN ANDEL. Upon return to Grand Rapids, FORD was flown to Washington, D. C., on an Amway Corporation airplane and was accompanied by six other individuals, some of whom were Amway employees. This flight to Washington, D. C., was for the purpose of transporting Amway employees to Washington, D. C., and Mr. FORD was offered transportation as there was extra space available.

On September 22, 1973, Mr. FORD was again in Grand Rapids and accompanied JAY VAN ANDEL to Jackson, Michigan, for a Republican fund raising affair. FORD and VAN ANDEL returned to Grand Rapids upon completion of their political activities and he again understands flight expenses were paid for out of the personal funds of JAY VAN ANDEL. [redacted]

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advised that GERALD R. FORD has never offered to pay his transportation expenses when traveling on an Amway aircraft and has never been requested to make payment.

[] advised that he has been a pilot for Amway Corporation for the five years during which the Amway Corporation has had an aircraft and stated that although aircraft flight logs are readily available for only the past year he can recall two other instances when GERALD R. FORD flew on an Amway flight. He recalled on one occasion FORD flew from Washington, D. C., to Grand Rapids to speak at ground breaking activities at a new Amway facility in Ada. He stated that on another occasion FORD flew from Washington, D. C., to Grand Rapids on an Amway flight to attend a Christian high school fund raising activity in Grand Rapids.

[] advised that as chief pilot he is aware of all flights handled by Amway Corporation aircraft. He stated that authorization for any Amway flights come to him from either JAY VAN ANDEL, Chairman of the Board, or RICHARD DE VOS, President, Amway Corporation. He advised that on occasion when he has flown an aircraft when Mr. FORD was a passenger he has never talked with Mr. FORD or any member of FORD's staff in making arrangements for the flight.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED], on October 17, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

WILLIAM J. HALLIDAY, JR., 2096 Robinson Road, Southeast, East Grand Rapids, Michigan, Vice President-Corporate Services, Amway Corporation, 7375 Fulton, Ada, Michigan, advised he has known GERALD FORD for close to 20 years. He advised appointee's character is impeccable as are his morals. Appointee's associates are all known for their good character and community standing and Mr. FORD is extremely loyal to the United States and the Democratic process.

He advised he does not know from a personal conversation appointee's stand on civil rights, but his impression from general conversations is that appointee is a conservative in that he does not want to encourage social upheaval in order to effect changes in civil rights, but he stands for the equal rights for all men. He advised appointee's political views were moderate, which is to say half way between liberal and conservative points of view with leanings to the conservative. In that respect, appointee represents his constituency. He has never had experience with appointee when he was a practicing attorney, but he has discussed with him certain legal points and considers appointee to have a good legal mind. He advised appointee's integrity, loyalty and humbleness are more outstanding than his mental agility or brilliance. He believes appointee would make an excellent Vice President and would make a great contribution to the welfare of the country during the next three years.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FROM MIAMI 161-1057 2P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE CALL FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROBERT RUSS FRANK,
10/25/73, CONCERNING ARTICLE BY VICTOR REISEL, RELATING TO
FBI INTERVIEW WITH GEROG E MEANY.

RESULTS OF FBI INTERVIEW WITH MEANY CONCERNING FORD ON
10/17/73, ARE CONTAINED IN REPORT OF SA [REDACTED], MIAMI,
10/17/73, WHICH REPORT WAS DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON, VIA EAL
PILOT COURIER, THAT NIGHT.

IT IS NOTED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION AFL-CIO WAS IN
CONVENTION AT MIAMI BEACH, AND THIS OFFICE HAD NUMEROUS
LEADS TO INTERVIEW HIGH LABOR OFFICIALS RE FORD.

ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC LEAD WAS OUTSTANDING TO INTERVIEW
MEANY, IT WAS FELT THAT MIAMI SUPERVISOR AND INVESTIGATING AGENTS
THAT HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IN VIEW OF HIS LEADERSHIP POSITION
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IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, BUREAU APPROVAL WAS SOUGHT AND GRANTED VIA TELEPHONE CALL WITH SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION ON MORNING OF 10/17/73. THEREAFTER, APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY TELEPHONE THROUGH MEANY'S SECRETARY AT CONVENTION, FOR HIM TO BE INTERVIEWED AT 6 P.M., THAT EVENING. INTERVIEW CONDUCTED PERSONALLY WITH MEANY BY TWO EXPERIENCED AGENTS. RESULTS SET FORTH IN ABOVE MENTIONED REPORT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-9896) (MAIL)
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, ALSO KNOWN AS GERALD RUDOLPH
FORD, JR.; LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TEL CALL TO DETROIT THIS DATE.

DURING THIS INVESTIGATION OF FORD, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE NEW YORK TIMES WAS INTERVIEWED AND
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING FORD:

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED],
A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE STATE'S INSURANCE OFFICE
CONCERNING [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] STATED THIS INFORMATION PERTAINED
TO CHARGING EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES BY THE UNION BANK, IN
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] THE UNION BANK.
[REDACTED] HAD INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CONNECTION
BETWEEN THIS EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATE AND FORD, SINCE [REDACTED]
AND FORD WERE CLOSE FRIENDS.

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[] ADVISED HE LOOKED INTO THIS MATTER AND THE ONLY CONNECTION THAT WAS FOUND BETWEEN FORD AND UNION BANK IS THE FACT THAT FORD AND [] ARE FRIENDS AND OLD FRATERNITY BROTHERS.

[] STATED HE UNCOVERED NO INFORMATION WHICH LEAD TO A CONCLUSION THAT EXORBITANT INTEREST RATES WERE BEING CHARGED BY THE UNION BANK IN GRAND RAPIDS.

HE SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS ONLY ONE ALLEGATION AND THAT WAS THAT UNION BANK WAS OBTAINING INSURANCE FOR MOBILE HOME OWNERS ON THE MOBILE HOMES, AND THAT IN SOME WAY, THIS GENERATED EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES. THIS ALLEGATION WAS NEVER PROVEN AND [] DROPPED HIS INQUIRY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN THE ALLEGATION AND THAT FORD HAD ABSOLUTELY NO KNOWLEDGE OR INTEREST IN THE UNION BANK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-4579) (P) (100)

Mr. Callahan
Room 1246

GERALD RUDOLFE FORD, AKA; SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE REPORT OF SA MICHAEL J. WALSH, JR., 10/19/73, AND
NY TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, 10/24/73.

AT 2:10 PM THIS DATE, ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER, AUTHOR OF
"THE WASHINGTON PAY-OFF", TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE
AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO CERTAIN MEMBERS, NAMES (2)
STATED, OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON 10/24/73, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AS A
RESULT HIS COUNSEL ADVISED THAT HE APPEAR OFFENSE BEFORE THE
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. WINTER-BERGER SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT
ALL COMMENTS IN HIS BOOK CONCERNING SENATOR ARVID FORD AND THIS
WOULD GIVE "A CHANCE FOR MY STATEMENTS TO BE MADE POSITIVE" RATHER
THAN HIS HAVING CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED THESE STATEMENTS TO THE
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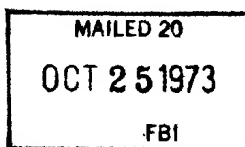
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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ReButel call 10-25-73.

In the book entitled "The Washington Pay-Off," written by Robert N. Winter-Berger, there are statements made by the author that he made efforts in behalf of Francis Leonard Kellogg to attempt to have Gerald Ford use his influence in obtaining a United States Ambassadorship for Kellogg. According to the book, Kellogg never received an appointment as an Ambassador.

Kellogg is now the Special Assistant to the Secretary for Refugee and Migration Affairs, Department of State, and he should be thoroughly interviewed concerning an allegation that \$30,000 was pledged to the Finance Party of the Republican National Committee in connection with Ford's efforts to gain an Ambassadorship for him.



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PHILADELPHIA (161-2145)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-9896)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST.

RE CHICAGO REPORT 10-18-73, AND PHILADELPHIA REPORT
10-19-73, CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGATION MADE BY
[REDACTED] TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PERTAINING TO FORD.
THIS CONFIRMS TELEPHONE CALLS TODAY ADVISING DEPARTMENT DESIRES
[REDACTED] BE INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU. PHILADELPHIA IMMEDIATELY
OBTAIN COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] AND CHICAGO ADVISE APPROPRIATE
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October 26, 1973

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

This will confirm conversation October 26, 1973, between Mr. Gary Baise of your office and Assistant Director W. V. Cleveland, Inspector A. A. Staffeld and Inspector John Mintz of the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to captioned matter.

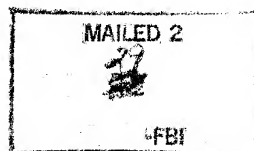
As agreed, this Bureau will interview Representative Ford regarding the extent of his association with Earl Blaik and specifically whether he had any dealings with Blaik regarding the awarding of contracts to the AVCO Corporation.

At the same time, Representative Ford will be asked regarding his relationship with Fred B. Black, Jr., a Washington lobbyist.

The results of our interview with Representative Ford will be furnished to you promptly.

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marked 10-15-73 from Detroit Mich.

Gerald R. Ford

I HOPE WHEN YOU CHECK UP
ON JERRY FORD. YOU HAVE SOME
OF YOUR STAFF INTERVIEW MR
ROBERT WINTERBERGER. AUTHOR
OF "THE WASHINGTON PAYOFF".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *[initials]*
FROM : A. A. Staffeld *[initials]*
SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10/26/73

Time of Call - 4:55 p.m.

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Pat McSweeney in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General called to advise that it is contemplated Senator Cook (Kentucky) will desire to review reports in captioned case on Monday or Tuesday. He will advise us as soon as possible of the specific time. It is his understanding that Senator Cannon will desire to finish his review sometime Monday, 10/29/73.

McSweeney advised of information received from one [redacted] (phonetic) who is a lawyer handling certain matters concerning this hearing on behalf of Senator Griffin (Michigan). According to [redacted] Winter-Berger, the author, has allegedly rendered an affidavit for Jack Anderson indicating some impropriety on the part of Mr. Ford. It was at first understood that a copy of this affidavit was in the possession of the Rules Committee. McSweeney advised, however, that a check was made and it was determined that the committee was not in possession of such a document.

Mr. McSweeney also advised of information received from Senator Cook indicating that [redacted] named [redacted] (FNU) of Greenville, Illinois, has alleged that Ford has received contributions from the dairy industry. While no specific impropriety was given, the matter of the allegation would permit this inference.

OBSERVATION: It is noted we are interviewing Francis Kellogg, a wealthy State Department official whom Winter-Berger alleged in his book had offered to make campaign contributions to Ford in exchange for assistance in acquiring an ambassadorial position in Africa. It is conceivable that if an affidavit was rendered by Winter-Berger it may pertain to the Kellogg matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

ACTION: Efforts are being made to identify the [] in Greenville, Illinois, and further pursue this allegation. It is to be noted, however, that in the financial statements made available to us by Mr. Ford there is documentation for campaign contributions by the dairy industry to Mr. Ford.

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ADDENDUM: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 10-29-73 OEC:dc

There is attached Jack Anderson's column for 10-28-73 which refers to the affidavit allegedly furnished by Winter-Berger to the Senate Rules Committee and to Jack Anderson. It alleges various sums of money was furnished to Representative Ford and three members of his staff. Representative Ford and these staff members are being interviewed concerning this matter.

Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

Ford: Charges, Denials

A former lobbyist has sworn to the Senate Ethics Committee that he "loaned" Vice President Gerald Ford \$15,000 to cover his personal needs. The bank said that Robert Winter-Berger was never paid.

In addition, said Winter-Berger, at Ford's request he arranged contributions totaling more than \$125,000 to various Republican campaign committees.

The ex-lobbyist, author of a book called "The Washington Pay-Off," went well beyond his literary recollections in a four-page affidavit which he has given to the committee and to us. Winter-Berger said he will submit to a lie-detector test if necessary. Ford, however, denied the charges and, through a spokesman, told us Winter-Berger's charges about a loan of \$15,000 was "a categorical lie." Ford also emphatically denied arranging any \$125,000 in contributions.

In his affidavit Winter-Berger stated: "Between 1955 and September of 1969, I personally loaned Gerald Ford in the neighborhood of \$15,000. . . This money was given to Ford in cash to cover an illness and hospitalization of his wife. . . At other times he complained that he was short of money."

Winter-Berger swore that the loans were made in "increments of \$500 to about \$2500" over the three-year period. He did not ask repayment, and Ford never offered it, he said.

The dapper, balding former man-about-town said he also arranged for Francis Kelloff, now a special assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, to contribute \$125,000 to various Republican causes at the request of Ford.

"I arranged for Kelloff to meet at least twice with Gerald Ford at Kelloff's request," attested Winter-Berger. "Ford agreed to help Kelloff get a government post. I have correspondence in my possession which proves that Kelloff was in touch with Herbert Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal lawyer in reference to this desired appointment."

Winter-Berger says Kelloff wanted to become ambassador to Kenya. Instead he was set up dealing with refugees at first as a top official in Washington at the State Department. When we reached Kelloff, he admitted that Winter-Berger had set up appointments with Ford and that he had been in contact with Kalmbach about a diplomatic job. But he denied he contributed \$125,000. He told us the total was only \$25,000 and that it was not asked at either Winter-Berger's or Ford's request.

saying, "I wouldn't be so crude as to enter into a quid pro quo arrangement of that kind."

In the affidavit, Winter-Berger also dealt fully for the first time with his recollection of Ford's visit to New York psychotherapist Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker, who once counseled Richard Nixon. Ford has insisted to us he saw Hutschnecker for only 15 minutes, and never visited with him again. But Winter-Berger's affidavit takes issue: "I went into Dr. Hutschnecker's office and introduced him to Gerald Ford," the affidavit said. Winter-Berger maintained he walked a half block to his own home and prepared "my own lunch which consisted of a hamburger which was broiled in a preheated oven. This took me approximately 40 minutes."

Winter-Berger then went back and waited in a rented limousine for Ford for 10 to 15 minutes, meaning that "Ford was with Hutschnecker for more than an hour." Winter-Berger swore that "about eight or nine months later" Hutschnecker told him he had met with Ford again and that Ford later confirmed this subsequent meeting to Winter-Berger.

Winter-Berger recounts that when he first recommended Hutschnecker to Ford, the lobbyist also mentioned that President Nixon had seen the doctor. "About 10 days later," swore Winter-Berger, "much to my surprise, (Ford) brook it up and said he had asked Dick (Nixon) and that Dick said he was a very good doctor. (Ford) then asked me to . . . set up an appointment with Dr. Hutschnecker."

While Ford steered clear of pocketing contributions, he was not above letting lobbyists slip gifts to his staffers. Winter-Berger asserted, "One Christmas, I asked Mr. Ford if it was all right with him if I gave some gifts to his staff. He said he didn't mind, as long as I didn't give them in the office."

Winter-Berger said he gave three of Ford's aides wallets, each with \$100 bills in them. Two of the staffers thanked him in writing, one did it personally. He said, "Ford never did any favor for me but . . . I indicated that, in some way or manner, by contributions or other means, the Republican Party would benefit." Alfred Leonard, a Ford aide, denied the alleged \$100 gift, saying it was a joke. He gave us the billfolds, and that's all.

Once, said Winter-Berger, "I slipped an envelope which contained \$2,000 across his desk. He rejected it, with the suggestion that if I wanted to do him a favor I could buy some gifts to a dinner that was being given in his honor in Grand Rapids, which I told Nixon was the home of the Ford family. I bought five tickets, myself, and . . ."

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To: SAC, Washington Field - Encs. (8)

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From: Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Attached hereto as enclosures are two copies each of the December 28, 1967; April 10, 1971; and October 19, 1973, columns "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" stating generally that Mr. Ford had intervened on behalf of the AVCO Corporation during an investigation of alleged activities of that corporation. These articles make reference to microphone surveillance in 1963 in a suite of rooms maintained by Fred B. Black, Jr., at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel. References are made specifically to a conversation between Representative Ford and a person who may be identical with Earl Black, an AVCO official and former football coach.

We have not commented on the above-mentioned microphone surveillance of Black in our current reports on Representative Ford. Page 85 of your report 10-17-73 in this matter notes the FBI did conduct an investigation involving AVCO Corporation in 1963 based on allegations that two individuals may have received payments for having influenced the awarding of a defense contract to AVCO. The Department advised upon completion of the investigation there was no basis for prosecution. Congressman Ford was not involved or mentioned during the AVCO Corporation investigation.

The fact that we had a microphone surveillance on Fred Black has appeared in the public press on numerous occasions but the contents of the FBI logs in the case have not been made public other than being furnished to the court, defense attorneys, and the Department in connection with the prosecution of Fred B. Black, Jr., who was brought to trial for income tax evasion and was subsequently acquitted.

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Airtel to Washington Field
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

You are instructed to interview Representative Ford as soon as possible and obtain a statement from him regarding his relationship with Earl Black and specifically whether he had any dealings with Black regarding the awarding of a contract to the JACO Corporation.

There is also enclosed two copies of an anonymous letter received by Senator Howard W. Cannon, Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration, which committee will hold hearings on the nomination of Representative Ford to be Vice President. You will note that this anonymous letter refers to the microphone surveillance of Black and alleges the "tapes" show Black was a "first-hand friend of Jerry Ford." The letter also alleges that Ford and Black had many conversations involving more than legislative discussions; that the "tapes" will show the extent to which Representative Ford discussed financial and other matters with Black.

Representative Ford should not be made aware of the existence of this anonymous letter but during the interview with him he should be asked to furnish a statement regarding his knowledge of and relationship with Fred B. Black, Jr.

The results of your interview with Mr. Ford should be furnished to the Bureau as soon as possible.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. CLEVELAND *[initials]*
FROM : A. A. STAFFELD JR. *[initials]*
SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: October 26, 1973

Time of Call: 6:05 p. m.
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Inspector Mintz advised of a telephone call received from William Cochrane, Chief of the Staff for the Senate Rules Committee. The latter desired to impart some information with respect to the Ford investigation. *[initials]*

The writer returned the call to Mr. Cochrane and learned that a contact of his had indicated that a Mr. Francis Kellogg, Special Assistant Secretary of State for Migration and Refugee Affairs in the State Department, was referred to in some manner by Robert Winter-Berger in his book "The Washington Pay-Off." Mr. Cochrane understood that the reference involved Kellogg's willingness to pay for an ambassadorship and that this matter in some way involved Mr. Ford. *[initials]*

Mr. Cochrane made it very clear that he was not requesting or suggesting in any way what should be done with the information he was making available. He commented that he knew that we would be attempting to cover all possibilities in this investigation and knew that we would be interested in this allegation if it had not been previously brought to our attention. *[initials]*

After checking, it was determined that our Washington Field Office has for several days been attempting to locate Kellogg for interview. The basis for the interview stems from the allegation made by Winter-Berger in his book indicating that Francis Kellogg, a very well-known wealthy individual, had done extensive traveling on safaris in Africa. Having acquired a liking for the country, he was desirous of acquiring an ambassadorship and made known his willingness to Winter-Berger to pay for this type of a post in Africa. Winter-Berger allegedly was unable to interest anybody in this proposition until Ford learned that Kellogg would be amenable to making a substantial contribution to the Republican campaign. *[initials]*

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

It has been ascertained from our Washington Field Office that during a preliminary interview, when his time was limited, Kellogg indicated he has not contributed any funds to Ford and the only political contribution he has made was to a New York State Republican Committee. This will be further developed when the interview is completed.

ACTION:

None. For record purposes.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Alexandria, Virginia
Date: October 26, 1973
Field Office File #: 161-2322 Bureau File #: 161-9896
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: CURTIS R. FULTON, Director of Finance for the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee from January, 1967, to October, 1971, was interviewed and he advised he does not specifically recall the receipt of a \$11,500.00 check as a campaign contribution for GERALD FORD during his tenure as Director of Finance. FULTON also did not recall issuance of any check in the amount of \$12,233.00, payable to GERALD FORD, from the Congressional Campaign Committee. FULTON set forth the general procedures regarding solicitation and disbursement of campaign funds.

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DETAILS:

CURTIS R. FULTON, employed at the Indian Claims Division, General Services Administration, Room 300, 900 South Washington Street, Falls Church, Virginia, was contacted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 25, 1973, and was interviewed regarding information he may have possessed during his tenure as Director of Finance for the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee (RCCC) from January, 1967, to October, 1971.

FULTON stated that as Director of Finance for the RCCC, he and his staff were instrumental in soliciting campaign contributions for members of the U.S. Congress. It was the committee's responsibility also to disburse various funds to U.S. Congressmen in their various home

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districts or on a local basis, specifically the Washington, D.C., area.

FULTON stated that the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the RCCC are two separate entities, each with the primary function of fund raising and distribution of those funds to appropriate congressmen. FULTON presented a hypothetical situation whereby he advised that if a check was received by a congressman and he in turn transferred this check to the RNC, the RCCC would have no knowledge of this transaction, as the deposit would be handled by the RNC. FULTON stated that when letters are sent out soliciting campaign funds, they are often signed by various congressmen; therefore, some checks from contributors are made payable directly to the congressmen; however, these checks are then reendorsed by that congressman to the RCCC. FULTON stated that the only way he would have received checks from the RNC was if the check had been made payable to the RCCC and was forwarded by error from the contributor to the RNC.

FULTON advised that during 1970, there was a \$5000.00 maximum limit from any single individual contributor. The only way larger amounts would be accepted was if the contribution was submitted by joint contributors; that is, a number of individuals named.

Regarding disbursement of campaign funds to members of congress, FULTON stated that various congressmen qualify for larger contributions, the criteria being set forth as to how great the opposition they might encounter in any given campaign for reelection. FULTON commented that although there is a presumed maximum as to the funds which a certain member of congress might receive in any off or on election year, this figure (quoted as \$10,000.00) may be exceeded if the Executive Committee so states. FULTON stated that often this amount is exceeded, not so much for any one particular congressman but for a group of congressmen.

FULTON stated that the campaign funds disbursed are divided into public relations fees and campaign funds which oftentimes overlap. FULTON stated that public relations fees would fall in the area of cost of advertisements, printing bills, etc. These bills are generally forwarded to

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the particular congressman by the company encountering the debt, and thereafter, the congressman forwards these bills to the RCCC or the RNC for payment.

FULTON advised that he did not recall disbursement of any \$12,233.00 check to the Gerald Ford Congressional Committee in Michigan during his tenure as Director of Finance. FULTON stated he could not envision sending such a check in that amount, as he emphasized he probably would have recalled this transaction.

FULTON recalled that there were only five congressmen who had asked to be paid personally in their various districts, and he indicated that GERALD FORD was not one of them. FULTON remarked that any checks which might have been forwarded to GERALD FORD's congressional district in Michigan would probably have been made payable to the Gerald Ford Congressional Committee, and an account would exist in Michigan in that name.

FULTON stated it is the responsibility of the respective treasurers of both the RNC and the RCCC to submit a sworn statement to the House of Representatives as to the campaign contributions received. FULTON stated he is not aware of the individual state laws or regulations governing the maximum amount which might be disbursed to congressmen for public relations and campaign funding, and he again emphasized that the \$10,000.00 regulation stipulated above is a flexible amount and can be exceeded through the Executive Committee.

Regarding the \$11,500.00 check which GERALD FORD allegedly received and turned over to the RNC and which allegedly was not listed on a sworn statement to the House of Representatives, FULTON stated he has no knowledge of this transaction. Regarding the \$12,233.00 check which allegedly was disbursed to GERALD FORD's district in Michigan, FULTON emphasized again that this transaction did not come to his attention, if in fact it did occur.

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Detroit indices were reviewed and no reference indentifiable with [REDACTED]

On October 16, 1973, ROMULUS V. ROMANI, Director of Secondary Education, Grand Rapids, Michigan, School System, advised SA [REDACTED] that RALPH G. CONGER, a former teacher at Grand Rapids High School, has been deceased since 1968.

On October 18, 1973, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Wrigley's Employee Credit Union, 14726 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that a close personal friend of his, [REDACTED], had stated to [REDACTED] that GERALD FORD had a large charge account with Sears Roebuck and Company and was slow in making payments to this account. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] told him that he [REDACTED], who is employed at Sears Roebuck Credit Collection Department, approached his superior in the Sears Roebuck and Company concerning Mr. FORD's account and was told by his superior not to press collection due to Mr. FORD's high standing in the political circle.

On October 23, 1973, [REDACTED] Sears Roebuck and Company, Detroit Credit Central, Detroit, Michigan, advised that a search of Sears' records had been conducted and no record of any revolving charge account, opened or closed, in the name of GERALD R. FORD had been located. [REDACTED] further advised that there is no record of a loss being sustained by Sears due to any account maintained by GERALD FORD.

On October 24, 1973, [REDACTED] Sears Roebuck and Company, Jackson, Michigan, advised SA [REDACTED] that he ([REDACTED]) had been employed by Sears in a [REDACTED] capacity in the company's Lincoln Park, Michigan, store between 1962 to 1968, and with the Detroit Credit Central Department of Sears between 1968 to 1970. He stated that during that period of time, he recalled many prominent individuals who had accounts at Sears but was unable to recall any account for Congressman FORD. He stated that it was possible that Mr. FORD may have had a small account in the Detroit area without him recalling it, but he considered this unlikely. He said that had Mr. FORD had a large account or one with which Sears was having difficulty in collecting, he would have definitely

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recall the circumstances. Although he had no record available to support his memory, [redacted] said he was certain that Mr. FORD never had a large unpaid account with Sears Roebuck and Company and he stated that he never made any statements indicating this to be a fact.

On October 24, 1973, [redacted] Radio Station WJR, telephonically contacted the Detroit Office of the FBI and stated that he wished to be reinterviewed concerning the appointment of GERALD R. FORD. [redacted] had been previously interviewed and at that time, furnished no derogatory information.

On October 24, 1973, [redacted] was reinterviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he had recently received information not available at the time of his previous interview, concerning Mr. FORD's sponsorship of a private bill in Congress concerning an alien, namely DOMINIC PIEMONTE. [redacted] stated that he had learned through sources, which he would not reveal, that Mr. FORD had introduced a private bill on behalf of [redacted] during the 89th, 90th, and 91st sessions of the United States Congress. [redacted] continued by stating that [redacted] was employed at the Bell Cheese Company at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. [redacted] summarized the history of this cheese company and alleged that it had hoodlum origins. [redacted] did not have any allegations concerning impropriety on the part of Mr. FORD in connection with the sponsorship of this legislation. He merely stated that Mr. FORD introduced the bill on behalf of [redacted] and provided background on the Bell Cheese Company and the [redacted] Brothers of Grand Rapids, Michigan. [redacted] had no information concerning this matter not previously investigated and report by the Detroit Office of the FBI in Detroit report of SA [redacted] dated October 20, 1973.

[redacted] stated that he intends to utilize his own established news media source in continuing his inquiry into this matter. He stated that he will immediately make available to the FBI any information concerning this matter which he obtains.

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GERALD R. FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Two employments of appointee in Grand Rapids and one in Ann Arbor verified. Contractors in Grand Rapids area interviewed and stated they had no information that would indicate the use of influence by appointee to obtain governmental contracts. Professional and business associates of appointee interviewed and all recommend. Arrest check of [REDACTED] in Grand Rapids, Michigan, set forth. Interview of [REDACTED] set forth. [REDACTED] advised no contribution list is available for \$38,000 raised at 1972 fund-raising dinner.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
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MARIE SKOUGIS, 918 Frederick, NW, furnished the
following information:

She stated that her husband, WILLIAM, now deceased,
operated a small restaurant in Grand Rapids and that sometime
in the late 1920s, Mr. FORD was employed there as a waiter-
busboy for approximately two years. SKOUGIS stated that at
this time Mr. FORD was in high school and most likely was
employed by her husband during his junior and senior years.
SKOUGIS recalled that Mr. FORD was a cooperative and pleasant
boy when he worked for them and that she knew of no derogatory
information concerning him.

SKOUGIS knew of no records regarding this employ-
ment or did she know anyone else who might recall any details
regarding Mr. FORD working for her late husband.

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EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 25, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

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ALEX DEMAR, 23 College South, Grand Rapids, furnished the following information:

DEMAR stated that he first met GERALD FORD approximately 43 years ago when Mr. FORD was a student in college. DEMAR stated that he was introduced to Mr. FORD by some boys who worked for him at the Romona Amusement Park in Grand Rapids. DEMAR explained that he owned several concession booths at this amusement park. DEMAR also advised that Mr. FORD worked for him at the amusement park on a part-time and summer basis for a few years. During this time DEMAR stated that he found Mr. FORD to be an individual of outstanding character who was always willing to do his work with enthusiasm and in a spirit of cooperation. Since that time DEMAR stated that he has kept up his association with Mr. FORD and is also friendly with Mr. FORD's wife, BETTY. He stated that he knew BETTY prior to her marriage and considers himself a friend of the entire family. DEMAR explained that he subsequently operated a restaurant known as Demar's Cocktail Bar and Cafe and that Mr. FORD regularly had dinner there when in town on Congressional business. This cafe is now closed.

DEMAR stated that he has contributed funds toward Mr. FORD's reelection in his campaigns and in the last two elections has collected funds from the members of the Greek community under the auspices of an association known as the Greek American Group. DEMAR is the head of this group. In 1970, DEMAR stated that his group collected a total of \$1,055.00 for Mr. FORD's reelection with \$160.00 being used for operating expenses. In 1972, his group collected \$1,075.00 with \$188.75 being used for operating expenses. This money is the result of individual contributions by members of the Greek community. DEMAR stated that he organized this fund raising group purely as a result of his admiration for Mr. FORD and he believes that he was doing an excellent job in the United States Congress.

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DEMAR stated that Mr. FORD has never asked him for funds **nor has any member of his group attempted to apply** pressure on Mr. FORD for special favors. DEMAR also stated that Mr. FORD had requested that any checks collected for his reelection be made out to the Committee To Reelect Gerald Ford and not to any other individual.

DEMAR stated that he feels Mr. FORD can ably discharge the duties of Vice President and if it should become necessary those of President. He also stated that Mr. FORD is a man of highest integrity and is loyal to his government and he knew of no derogatory information regarding him or any member of his family. DEMAR stated that he is now retired but sees Mr. FORD occasionally on his visits to Grand Rapids.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on October 23, 1973:

[redacted]
Payroll Department, University of Michigan, advised the micro-film employment records for University Hospital revealed GERALD FORD was employed from September 1931 through June 15, 1932, position not given.

[redacted] advised there is no one presently available who would recall Mr. FORD during this employment. He indicated Mr. FORD received \$32.00 per month for the ten months employment.

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On October 18-19, 1973, the following persons were contacted and all advised that while they were not personally acquainted with Congressman GERALD R. FORD they were aware that he enjoyed a good reputation among the members of the construction trade. All advised that they had heard only favorable remarks about Congressman FORD and none was in possession of information that would indicate the use of influence of any kind by Congressman FORD to obtain government contracts or of any preferential treatment of any person or business:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
JOHN E. LEACH, Owner Leach Construction Company 2524 Barfield Street, SE Grand Rapids, Michigan	SA <input type="text"/>
EDWARD J. HODGKINS, President Wolverine Equipment Company 2450 28th Street, SW Grand Rapids	SA <input type="text"/>
EARL NATION, President Mrs. GENEVIEVE NATION, Secretary-Treasurer United Resteel Erectors Company Caldonia, Michigan	SA <input type="text"/>
JOHN BULTEMA, President Bultema Brothers, Inc. 2010 Chicago Drive Wyoming, Michigan	SA <input type="text"/>
MARTIN HUBERT, President Paul C. Miller Company 103000 Sparta Highway Sparta, Michigan	SA <input type="text"/>
LARRY BEHRENWALD, President AIS Construction Equipment Company 131 Expressway Avenue 44th Street Grand Rapids	SA <input type="text"/>

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CONTACTING AGENT

Mrs. DOROTHY J. ANDERSON,
Corporate Secretary
B. H. Sargent, Inc.
85 White Hills Avenue
Grand Rapids

SA

ROBERT G. FRIEND, President
DONALD R. SCHMITT, Manager
Resteel Erectors Corporation
3062 Three Mile Road, NW
Grand Rapids

SA
SA

DOUGLAS JAMES NAGEL, Owner
Nagel Construction Company
1202 Burton, SE
Grand Rapids

SA

ANDREW SMITH, Owner
Wyett Construction Company
11800 White Creek Road
Cedar Springs, Michigan

SA

Mrs. MARGARET BLOUW
Vice President
Blouw Construction Company
3348 Ottawa
Grandville, Michigan

SA

ROBERT M. EDISON, Partner
L. W. Edison Construction Company
5271 Plainfield
Grand Rapids

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Conklin,
Michigan:

Monsignor JOSEPH WALEN, Pastor, St. Joseph's
Church, Eighth Avenue, furnished the following information:

WALEN stated that he first met GERALD FORD in 1966 and has seen him periodically since that time. WALEN stated that within the last four years he has only seen Mr. FORD approximately five times. During their meetings in the past, WALEN stated that he and Mr. FORD often discussed political matters involving the people of the Grand Rapids area. During all of these contacts, WALEN stated that Mr. FORD always impressed him as a person of outstanding integrity. WALEN also stated that Mr. FORD was honest and direct in expressing his views and appeared to have a very strong commitment to conscientiously carry out the duties of his office. In terms of character, WALEN considers Mr. FORD to be a highly above average individual and that includes all persons he has met including those in the clergy.

WALEN also advised that he knew of no derogatory information regarding Mr. FORD or any member of his family. He also stated that he has no reservations regarding Mr. FORD's ability to discharge the duties of Vice President and if it became necessary, those of the President.

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KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

Judge STUART HOFFIUS, Kent County Circuit Court, Room 3005, Kent County Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan, telephone number 435-3700, advised he is familiar with Mr. GERALD R. FORD and his family and has been so for approximately 25 years. He said he became familiar with Mr. FORD from his high school days and that he cannot furnish any derogatory information whatsoever in regard to Mr. FORD's character, loyalty, or morals.

Judge HOFFIUS advised although he has known Mr. FORD a considerable length of time, he has not been extremely closely associated with him lately inasmuch as Mr. FORD spends a great deal of his time in Washington, D.C. He said he does see Mr. FORD when he is in the Grand Rapids area for speeches, however, these are scheduled very tightly and socializing is extremely limited.

Judge HOFFIUS advised he has frequently wondered himself about how Mr. FORD is able to finance his travel to the Grand Rapids area from Washington, D.C. and has made inquiries at a personal level among local businessmen regarding this matter, but has obtained no information concerning the travel expenditures of Mr. FORD. He added he has no knowledge of anyone personally benefiting through their association with Mr. FORD in the form of personal favors other than a warm friendship.

Judge HOFFIUS advised is a supporter of Mr. FORD, he has frequently felt bad about Mr. FORD's position as House Minority Leader since his position has necessitated full support of the President's programs and many times limited his efforts to work on new legislation.

Judge HOFFIUS stated to the best of his knowledge, Mr. FORD has a good working relationship with the minority groups in the Grand Rapids area and recalls Mr. FORD talking to large groups of blacks during a period of racial tension in Grand Rapids a few years ago.

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He said to the best of his knowledge, the immediate members of Mr. FORD's family enjoy an extremely favorable reputation in the community and he has not heard of any information of a derogatory nature concerning them.

He said he would highly recommend Mr. FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 23, 1973, at Grand Rapids,
Michigan:

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Mr. MILAN MORSE, Federal Building Manager, General Services Administration, Grand Rapids, advised on this date that the bidding for the recent construction of the Federal Building, Grand Rapids, was done by sealed bids submitted to the General Services Administration Regional Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. MORSE stated that bids were solicited through the Dodge Reports, a division of Mc Graw Hill Information Systems Company. He advised that the contractor who was awarded the construction contract for submitting the lowest bid was Owens, Ames and Kimball Company, Grand Rapids. He related that to his knowledge it was never alleged or established that Congressman FORD ever used his influence at anytime with the General Service Administration to have the contract awarded to Owens, Ames and Kimball.

He further advised that local news media was critical during building construction concerning a shower installed in Mr. FORD's office space. Mr. MORSE noted that all government officials of high rank with office space in the building had an opportunity to have a shower installed if they wanted one. He advised Mr. FORD agreed to have one installed as did the Federal Judges and the Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

Mr. MORSE stated that custodial employees as well as General Services Administration engineers have a shower in their respective locations in the building. He pointed out that other members of Congress, Senators HART and GRIFFIN declined to have a shower installed in their office space and was of the opinion the criticism levied against Mr. FORD during the construction was not justified.

Mr. MORSE added he has been personally acquainted with Congressman FORD for five years. He considered Mr. FORD to be a person of impeccable moral character, loyal, sincere, and who is highly regarded by his constituents. Mr. MORSE was of the opinion Mr. FORD is an outstanding selection for the position of Vice President and believed him to be qualified based on his outstanding performance as a Congressman and Minority Leader.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 25, 1973:

[redacted], Grand Rapids, Michigan, was contacted at his law office, 865 Union Bank Building, Grand Rapids, on October 25, 1973.

[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] activated a committee known as "Friends of GERALD FORD Committee" during the fall of 1972. [redacted] stated that the purpose of the Committee was to collect contributions for the political expenses of the appointee, for the campaign in 1972, and to pay for political expenses occurred in 1973.

[redacted] noted that he is still acting as [redacted] for the above Committee and said that all contributions received were recorded and reported in conformity with public law 92-225. He said that Mr. FORD never donated any funds to the Committee of which he is aware and further advised that all financial reports are on file with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington, D.C.

[redacted] said he was never aware of any information to indicate that Congressman FORD ever used the funds from the Committee for other than campaign expenses.

[redacted] added that the banking account for the Committee is maintained at the Union Bank and also advised that some of the money obtained has been used for the purchase of municipal bonds.

[redacted] said that he signed all of the checks which were issued by the Committee primarily paying for advertising, postage, rental cars, and other expenses aligned with the election in 1972.

[redacted] stated that he came to Grand Rapids in 1965 after completion of law school and has been an attorney with the [redacted] law firm since 1969.

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He said that he is only slightly acquainted with Mr. FORD on a personal basis and holds him in the highest esteem. He said that appointee is a person of the highest integrity and moral character who pays close attention to the problems of his constituents.

He said that Mr. FORD's views concerning civil rights were in tune with the general policies of the administration and stated that appointee has the reputation of being fair with all persons with whom he has contact.

He also noted that Mr. FORD, in the recent Michigan campaign concerning the abortion question, expressed the positive view point towards the right to life of the individual, a position that Mr. FORD did not have to take publicly.

[redacted] said that he would have no hesitancy in believing that Mr. FORD is eminently qualified for the position of Vice President. He added that due to the appointee's position as a strong leader in his political party and the success that he enjoys as a Congressman from the Grand Rapids area, he believed Mr. FORD to be an outstanding selection.

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JFC/DSBUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

Mr. PETER F. SECCHIA, President, Universal Forest Products, Incorporated, 3153 Three Mile Road, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, was interviewed on October 26, 1972, at his place of business. Mr. SECCHIA stated that he has known Mr. FORD for approximately ten years as the Congressman from the Grand Rapids area.

He said that in 1970, he approached Mr. FORD pointing out that the Congressman had few acquaintances and associates among the younger businessmen in the Grand Rapids area and urged Mr. FORD to establish some sort of communication with this age group. He said that as a result of this contact, he (SECCHIA) has become a close personal friend, has distributed petitions in behalf of Mr. FORD's candidacy as well as having fund raising dinners at his home for the Republican Party. He said that he has never hosted any fund raising event for Congressman FORD but that Mr. FORD has been present when he (SECCHIA) has had gatherings for Senator GRIFFIN.

Mr. SECCHIA continued that he has visited and stayed at Mr. FORD's home in Alexandria, Virginia, and that Mr. and Mrs. FORD have been house guests at his home. He further advised that he has also spent some time at Mr. FORD's condominium in the resort area of Vail, Colorado, on skiing vacations with Mr. FORD and his family.

Mr. SECCHIA added that since the time he has established a close personal association, he has never observed appointee to be condescending or to use his position as House Minority Leader to influence anyone. He was of the opinion that Mr. FORD does not even consider using his position in any way as a lever on constituents or associates.

He further advised that Mr. FORD is considered a loyal citizen and a stable person who possesses the ability and integrity to handle the position of Vice President in an excellent manner.

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Mr. SECCHIA related that he has never had any question of Mr. FORD's moral integrity or that of any member of his family. He said that Mr. FORD is a clean living individual to the point of living a spartan existence, pointing out that Mr. FORD leases a compact car and stays at an inexpensive room at Pantlind Hotel whenever he stays in town on business. Mr. SECCHIA advised that his firm has never had any Government contracts and pointed out that the purpose of his business is to sell lumber and other allied materials to mobile home manufacturers. Mr. SECCHIA pointed out that appointee appeared as a speaker at the Southeast Housing Manufacturing Institute in Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 19, 1973, at the personal request of himself since he, Mr. SECCHIA, is Chairman of the Legislative Committee within that group. He said that there were no attempts to influence Mr. FORD while he was at Knoxville to speak to the group.

Mr. SECCHIA added that Mr. FORD is a person who is concerned with problems within the constituency and has an open mind towards minority groups and is in agreement with the civil rights views of the administration. He further advised that he considered Mr. FORD to be an outstanding person and a gentleman as well as being the father of a close knit family. He reiterated he could highly recommend him for the responsible position of the Vice President of the United States based on Mr. FORD's perceptiveness and good judgement.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 25, 1979:

[redacted], Identification Bureau, Grand Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids, Michigan, provided the following arrest record for [redacted] an Associate of GERALD R. FORD:

[redacted] arrest record revealed [redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] at [redacted] FBI number [redacted] Record revealed [redacted] was arrested on June 20, 1968, on a charge of Assault and Battery and Assault on a Police Officer, disposition on September 20, 1968, ten days in the county jail, \$100.00 court cost or ten additional days in the county jail.

[redacted] was arrested on April 12, 1971, Driving under the Influence of Liquor, disposition on April 14, 1971, fined \$100.00 in cont. cost or 90 days in the county jail.

On December 24, 1971, [redacted] was arrested for Hindering and Opposing a Police Officer and Assault and Battery; this case is still pending.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on October 24, 1973, at Grand
Rapids, Michigan:

[redacted] 626 Old Kent Bank
Building, Grand Rapids, advised that during 1972, he was
[redacted] for the Ford for Congress Committee. [redacted] stated
that although committee records revealed that during April,
1972, a dinner was held in Washington, D.C., during which a
sum of \$38,000.00 was raised, he was [redacted]
[redacted] at the time of the dinner. [redacted] explained that the
\$38,000.00 raised during the dinner was the initial amount
of money which was given to the committee to re-elect
Congressman FORD at Grand Rapids. [redacted] advised since this
sum was the initial amount of money given to his committee,
he has no records which would show individual contributions
or names of those in attendance at the dinner. [redacted] stated
he was not personally in attendance at the dinner in
Washington, D.C., and therefore could provide no further
information regarding details of the dinner.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *ml*

DATE: 10-29-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. Callahan dated 10-25-73, advising that Patrick McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, had been requested by Howard W. Cannon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, to bring the reports of the Ford investigation to his, Senator Cannon's, office on 10-26-73. Mr. McSweeney requested that two Special Agents familiar with the reports accompany him and Charles Ablard of the Deputy Attorney General's office to Senator Cannon's office. *Anguswald*

On 10-26-73 Special Agents Orvis J. Auerswald and Robert L. Bruggeman accompanied Mr. McSweeney and Mr. Ablard to Senator Cannon's office. Senator Cannon reviewed approximately one-half of the reports of our investigation to date. These reports were furnished to him by Mr. McSweeney.

During Senator Cannon's review, either Mr. Ablard or Mr. Malcolm Hawk of the Department were present as custodians of the reports. At Senator Cannon's request, Special Agents Auerswald and Bruggeman explained the organization of the reports into Parts I through VI and the indices to the reports. At various times during his review he requested and was furnished assistance in finding material in the reports which he desired to see. His review was page by page and lasted from approximately 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. No other persons were present in Senator Cannon's office.

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - Mr. Auerswald

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
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SPECIAL INQUIRY

The reports were returned to the Department by Mr. Ablard at noon and by Mr. Hawk at 5 p.m. on 10-26-73. Senator Cannon indicated he desired to resume his review at 10 a.m. today, 10-29-73.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. CLEVELAND *[Signature]*

FROM : A. A. STAFFELD, JR. *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: October 29, 1973

Time of call: 12:10 pm

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Director Kelley advised of a call received from General Haig. The latter was inquiring as to whether we had another package of reports which were to be delivered to the White House. *[Signature]*

Director Kelley was advised that there are additional reports which we contemplated delivering to the White House and the Department early this week. It was subsequently determined, however, that the time now set for this delivery is on Wednesday, October 31.

Director Kelley was desirous of knowing if we had conducted investigation concerning the matters involved in the publicity over the weekend. He was referring to the Jack Anderson column and the allegations of Winter-Berger and Kellogg. The Director was advised that we have conducted investigation, that some specifics concerning Kellogg's contributions to a New York State Republican club are yet to be obtained but that he had denied making contributions to Ford. The Director was also advised that Winter-Berger has declined to be interviewed by us.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
 - 1 - Mr. Coleman
 - 1 - Mr. Bruggeman
- [Handwritten initials: H, WVC, J, K]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

FROM : R. R. FRANCK

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10-29-73

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Reference is made to Coleman to Cleveland memorandum dated 10-25-73 concerning Victor Riesel's column of 10-18-73 datelined Bal Harbour, Florida, which indicated the FBI "had been dispatched by the White House" to seek labor's opinion concerning the Spiro Agnew-Gerald Ford switch. Mr. Callahan suggested and the Director approved that I contact Mr. Riesel, who is a personal friend of mine, and furnish him the facts of our contact with George Meany in connection with the Ford investigation, which were not in exact accord with his column.

At approximately 3:00 p. m. , 10-26-73, I reached Mr. Riesel in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he was preparing to give a speech. I explained to him my concern that his column indicated that perhaps he was not fully aware of the facts concerning the FBI's participation in a Special Inquiry investigation such as that which we are now conducting on Mr. Ford. I explained to him that his column was somewhat misleading when he stated we had been dispatched by the White House as that indicated, at least to me, that this was a hurried up order, which was not the case. After explaining to Mr. Riesel that all such investigations for positions of high trust, such as Federal Judgeships, etc. , originate from the White House and that our contact with Mr. Meany was just one of many such contacts with labor leaders and others possibly having information of value concerning Mr. Ford.

Mr. Riesel stated that he certainly did not mean for his column to cause the FBI any concern but that he was somewhat rushed to meet a deadline and perhaps now in reflection he could have written it with greater clarity as to the FBI's purpose in contacting Mr. Meany. Mr. Riesel voluntarily stated that his source for the part of his column concerning our contact with Mr. Meany was Mr. Meany himself.

Mr. Riesel indicated that he would write another column perhaps clarifying the matter more to our satisfaction, but I stated that that was not the purpose of my call, only that he be apprised of the full facts of our contact with Mr. Meany so that he would be aware of our jurisdiction in Special Inquiry type investigations. Mr. Riesel was most appreciative of my contact with him and hoped that he would be able to stop by the Bureau on his next trip to Washington to see us.

ACTION: None. For information.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Office New York, New York

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Comments from ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER set forth. He refused to be interviewed at his apartment, but agreed to be interviewed at NYO of FBI on 10/24/73. On 10/24/73, he telephonically cancelled his appointment because he desired to go to Washington, D.C., and an interview was rescheduled for Thursday, 10/25/73. On 10/25/73, he telephonically cancelled the interview.

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DETAILS:Miscellaneous

It is to be noted numerous efforts were made to contact ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER at his residence, 123 East 75th Street, New York City. The superintendent, [redacted] and doorman, [redacted], at this building, advised they had not seen WINTER-BERGER "for days" and they stated no one had picked up his mail.

On October 21, 1973, [redacted] New York City, one of the individuals to whom WINTER-BERGER dedicated his book, "The Washington Pay-Off", was telephonically contacted in Pennsylvania and she advised that WINTER-BERGER had been in telephonic contact with her and that he was in traveling status en route to California from "somewhere in Texas". She said she expected a telephone call from him Monday evening, October 22, 1973, and she added she would advise him to contact the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She also stated "many people are looking for him".

On October 23, 1973, ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER was located at his apartment at 123 East 75th Street, Apartment 6F, New York City, and attempts were made to interview him by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. WINTER-BERGER stated that he was told by his lawyer and other individuals not to be interviewed by the FBI at his apartment. He refused the agents' admittance to his apartment, but he began to talk in the doorway. He was vague in many of his statements, but he indicated that he was willing to be interviewed at the FBI Office on Wednesday, October 24, 1973, at 4:30 p.m. He stated he could prove all statements made in his book other than statements made behind closed doors. He stated that no one in the book has sued him yet and he also stated that he was going to furnish no additional information other than what was set forth in this book. He said he was not going to make any favorable statements concerning Representative FORD and that the FBI was going to receive only unfavorable information from him. He stated, "I'm no angel" and "It takes a crook to know a crook" and he stated that FORD was

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"worse than AGNEW". He said that several Senators have been trying to reach him and each wishes to know personally what he will be possibly testifying to before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He said he expected to appear as a friendly witness at these hearings, but he stated that possibly he may receive a subpoena. He said these Senators also wish to "score Brownie points" in that each wishes to have knowledge of what he will say before anyone else.

WINTER-BERGER stated that rather than make statements to each and every one of these Senators, whose names he did not reveal, he would rather make his comments to the Senate Committee on just one occasion, rather than have to repeat himself.

It is to be noted that during this rapid conversation by WINTER-BERGER, he did not remain on one point for more than one or two sentences and constantly changed his subject matter. The conversation was interrupted at least three times by his telephone ringing. He stated that "no one gets into his (FORD's) office unless he knows he is getting a donation". He said that he knows FORD so well that FORD told him about [redacted] and [redacted]. He said FORD mentioned this to him several times and discussed the expenses he was running into and WINTER-BERGER added that "why else would he make this known to me if he was not looking for a donation toward [redacted]".

He brought up the name of "HUTSCHIE" who he admitted was Dr. ARNOLD HUTSCHNECKER, a New York City psychotherapist. He stated that he was with FORD the day FORD visited HUTSCHNECKER's office on Park Avenue and that he had actually picked up FORD in a limousine, had driven to HUTSCHNECKER's office and introduced him to HUTSCHNECKER. He said he then left FORD and HUTSCHNECKER and went to his home which is around the corner, made himself a sandwich and returned an hour later for FORD. He said that the statements made by HUTSCHNECKER and FORD that he paid a visit for only 15 minutes were lies. He said that FORD had subsequently called him on different occasions and told him that "HUTSCHIE" would come to Washington on Saturdays "when he was called" and he would see him for an hour or an hour and a half. He was unable to state how many times FORD told him this.

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WINTER-BERGER stated that first he was going to Washington on Thursday, October 25, 1973, in order to call a press conference and he would talk to the interviewing agents on Friday, October 26, 1973, at 4:30 p.m. However, because of the urgency of this matter, he agreed to an interview on Wednesday, October 24, 1973, at 4:30 p.m.

On October 24, 1973, a message was received at the New York Office from WINTER-BERGER that he had desired to go to Washington on Wednesday, October 24, 1973, and, therefore, would not be able to make the scheduled interview and stated that he would be available at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 25, 1973.

It is to be noted that during the course of the above interview in his doorway, WINTER-BERGER made the above statements in a rapid-fire tone and several attempts were made to interrupt him and question him on statements made, but he kept on talking. He made several statements indicating that he could back up all statements made in his book. He also stated that he felt sure that any statement made to the FBI would not just remain in its "raw files", but would immediately appear on the President's desk. It was explained to him that this investigation was ordered by the White House and that all information would be reported to the White House.

On October 25, 1973, at 2:10 p.m., ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER telephonically contacted the New York Office of the FBI and stated that on October 24, 1973, he had spoken to certain members of the Senate Rules Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., but he did not reveal the names of these individuals. He said that as a result of these conversations, during which he notified them of his scheduled interview at the New York Office of the FBI on October 25, 1973, and upon recommendation of his counsel, he was cancelling his interview. WINTER-BERGER said he intended to appear voluntarily before the Senate Judiciary Committee to defend all comments in his book, "The Washington Pay-Off", concerning Representative GERALD FORD. He added that if he was interviewed by the FBI all information revealed by him would remain in the confidential files of the FBI, but he wanted "a chance for my statements to be made public". He stated that having to

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relate his comments and information to the FBI, various Senators, Committees and other individuals would be a drain on his stamina and energy as well as his finances and, therefore, he wished to be questioned only once. WINTER-BERGER also stated that he had signed an affidavit concerning his future testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but he would not explain specifically what the contents of the affidavit were or to whom the affidavit was furnished. He concluded by cancelling his scheduled appointment at 4:30 p.m., and reiterated that all his comments concerning Representative FORD would be made publicly to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCED BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW YORK 10/29/73.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NEW YORK INDICES

INDICATE THAT ON 4/1/65, "BOB WINTER-BERGER, 123 EAST 75TH
STREET, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW YORK
OFFICE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY. ^{WINTERBERGER} [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS
IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS AND THAT HE WORKED OUT OF
HIS APARTMENT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN RETAINED BY [REDACTED] TO
PERFORM CERTAIN PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK, FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN
PAID \$1200. ^{WINTERBERGER} [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE SPENT ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS
ON THIS JOB AND HE BELIEVED HE COMPLETED IT SATISFACTORY.

HOWEVER, [REDACTED] WAS NOT SATISFIED AND REQUESTED HIM TO DO
ADDITIONAL WORK WHICH HE CONSIDERED TO BE OUTSIDE THE "SCOPE
OF HIS ACTIVITY." HE SAID [REDACTED] HAD THREATENED TO DAMAGE
HIS REPUTATION IN WASHINGTON DC AND ALSO THREATENED BODILY HARM.

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IC [REDACTED], WHO TOOK THE COMPLAINT, ADVISED
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[REDACTED] TO CONTACT THE LOCAL POLICE. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT
~~WINTER-BERGER~~
[REDACTED] WAS VERY VAGUE AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF NOT BEING
ENTIRELY CANDID ABOUT HIS BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH WEINSTEIN.

BY LETTER TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE DATED 4/15/65 CAPTIONED
"ROBERT WINTER-BERGER, MISCELLANEOUS- INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE) (NYFILE 105-73115)", AN INVESTIGATION
WAS INITIATED BY THE BUREAU AND THE FOLLOWING WAS DETERMINED.
ON 4/16/65, ONE [REDACTED], ATTORNEY, [REDACTED],
NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THAT HIS CLIENT, ONE [REDACTED],
A MEMBER OF A VERY WEALTHY BRAZILIAN FAMILY IN RIO DE JANEIRO, *P. 11*
AND WHO WAS EMPLOYED AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS AGENT BY THE
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, TOLD HIM THAT SHE MET ROBERT WINTER-
BERGER AT A PARTY IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA AND THAT HE FURNISHED
HER A MEMORANDUM WHICH INITIALLY STATED "THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL
OFFER ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT--TO PROVIDE
ECONOMIC AID TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND FOR YOUR COUNTRY." (A COPY
OF THIS MEMORANDUM WAS FURNISHED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE IN
ABOVE REFERENCED BUREAU LETTER). THE MEMORANDUM NOTES THAT
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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS LOAN WOULD BE MADE "BY OUR PRESIDENT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN YOUR COUNTRY." THE LOAN WAS SUGGESTED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$25,000,000.00, AND WHEN CONSUMATED, AND AGREED FEE OF \$700,000 FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND \$100,000 FOR "OUT-OF-POCKET-EXPENSES" WOULD BE DEPOSITED FOR "OUR USE IN A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT".

THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN THIS MEMORANDUM STATES "IF YOU SHOULD WANT TO MEET PERSONALLY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH AN UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASHINGTON-THEN A FEE OF \$1200 PER DAY WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID TO THE REPRESENTATIVE WHILE HE IS IN YOUR COUNTRY--PLUS ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES, IN ADVANCE."

[] DESCRIBED HIS CLIENT AS BEING EXTREMELY WEALTHY BUT VERY NAIVE AND FELT MOST SURE THAT ^{WINTER-BERGER} [] WAS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HER.

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AT THAT TIME, THE NEW YORK OFFICE NOTED THAT ^{WINTER-BERGER} [] ONLY MADE AN OFFER TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND HE NEVER HAD THE STATUS OF AN AGENT AND, THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938, AS AMENDED.

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ON 5/21/65, THE RECORDS OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK INDICATED THAT [REDACTED], AS OF NOVEMBER, 1957, WAS IN HIS LATE 20'S AND SINGLE. HIS RESIDENCE WAS [REDACTED], NEW YORK CITY, AND A PRIOR RESIDENCE WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED]. HIS BUSINESS WAS LISTED AS A [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED], NEW YORK. HIS BANK WAS LISTED AS MANUFACTURERS TRUST, 741 FIFTH AVENUE. HIS CREDIT FILES LISTED A SUIT FILE AGAINST HIM ON 6/26/57 BY THE PACIFIC FINANCE COMPANY FOR \$587.50.

ON 7/12/65, [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO BE REINTERVIEWED AND ON 7/16/65, HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN WINTER-BERGER A NUMBER OF UNCUT RUBIES WHICH HE OFFERED TO HAVE APPRAISED FOR HER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT WINTER-BERGER KEPT THE RUBIES FOR AN UNREASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME AND FINALLY GAVE THEM BACK TO HER ONLY AFTER BEING THREATENED WITH LEGAL ACTION BY [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE ABOVE INCIDENT COUPLED WITH THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE THAT WINTER-BERGER WAS A CONFIDENCE MAN AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO SWINDLE [REDACTED].

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ON 7/20/65, [REDACTED], BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT,

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WINTER-BERGER RESIDES IN THIS BUILDING AND THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM TENANT, SINCE HE WAS FREQUENTLY BEHIND ON HIS RENT AND BECAUSE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE APPARENTLY CREDITORS OF WINTER-BERGER HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT HIM AT HIS APARTMENT. HE STATED THAT HE ALSO USED THE NAME "BERGER." [REDACTED] DESCRIBED HIM AS A GLIB TALKER WHO GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING SLIGHTLY EFFEMINATE BUT DID NOT WISH TO IMPLY THAT HE THOUGHT HE WAS A HOMOSEXUAL.

ON 7/27/65, [REDACTED] AN EMPLOYEE OF WOOD MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, 424 MADISON AVE., THE MANAGING AGENCY OF WINTER-BERGER'S APARTMENT BUILDING, FURNISHED A COPY OF HIS LEASE WHICH INDICATES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. HE SIGNED HIS LEASE UNDER THE NAME ROBERT W. BERGER AND HAD PRIOR ADDRESSES OF 144 EAST 40TH STREET, AND 55 EAST 78TH STREET. HE LISTED HIMSELF AS BEING PRESENTLY SELF-EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS WITH CONSTANCE HOPE ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK CITY, AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, 401 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY. HE LISTED HIS BANK AS CHASE

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MANHATTAN BANK, 57TH STREET AND BROADWAY.

ON 7/29/65, IT WAS DETERMINED THROUGH CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, 250 WEST 57TH STREET, THAT WINTER-BERGER HAD PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED A CHECKING ACCOUNT BUT THAT THE ACCOUNT HAD BEEN CLOSED ON 4/7/64 AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK BECAUSE OF WINTER-BERGER'S MISUSE OF HIS CHECKING ACCOUNT AND FREQUENT OVER-DRAWALS.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE DOORMAN AT WINTER-BERGER'S BUILDING STATED THAT HE HAS SEEN HIM LEAVE A BAR, DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS RESIDENCE, AND GO TO HIS APARTMENT WITH "QUEER LOOKING" YOUNG MEN. 123 E. 75th St NYC

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THIS BUILDING ADVISED THAT YOUNG EFFEMINATE LOOKING MEN HAVE RESIDED WITH WINTER-BERGER ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS AND HE BELIEVES THERE IS ONE LIVING WITH HIM NOW.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT WINTER-BERGER IS A WHITE MALE IN HIS LATE 40'S OR EARLY 50'S.

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/30/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/27/73 - 10/29/73
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LEADS: WASHINGTON FIELD -

- (1) Will interview FRANCIS KELLOGG regarding allegations made by WINTER-BERGER.
- (2) Will re-interview FORD regarding various allegations, particularly those asserted by WINTER-BERGER.

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- (3) Will review records pertaining to private bills introduced by FORD when they become available.
- (4) Will interview General Services Administration, regarding newspaper allegations.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee re-interviewed regarding association with FRANCIS KELLOGG, EARL BLAIK, and FRED B. BLACK, JR. THOMAS LIAS, Republican National Committee, interviewed, but provided no additional pertinent information.

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In the book entitled "The Washington Pay-off" written by ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER, the author alleges that he made efforts in behalf of FRANCIS LEONARD KELLOGG to have GERALD FORD use his influence in obtaining a United States Ambassadorship for KELLOGG. While KELLOGG never did receive an ambassadorship, WINTER-BERGER alleges that he arranged to have KELLOGG pledge \$30,000 to the Republican National Committee, payable through FORD.

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INTERVIEW OF APPOINTEE

The appointee, Representative GERALD R. FORD, furnished the following information to SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on October 27, 1973:

FRANCIS ~~KELLOGG~~

Representative FORD first met FRANCIS KELLOGG in 1969 when KELLOGG visited FORD's office on Capitol Hill accompanied by ROBERT WINTER-BERGER. During this meeting, Representative FORD learned of KELLOGG's interest in obtaining an Ambassadorship to an unrecalled African country. In this conversation, Representative FORD learned of KELLOGG's wide experience in the mining industry and of his post as President of the International Mining Company, New York City. He also became aware of his fluency in the so-called Swahili dialect and of his active participation in Republican Party activities in New York State. Representative FORD furnished a letter of introduction to then Secretary of State, WILLIAM P. ROGERS, in which he indicated KELLOGG's interest in a career in the State Department and his Republican Party affiliation.

As a result of his communication with Secretary ROGERS, Representative FORD believes KELLOGG was first appointed to an advisory panel in the Department of State and subsequently became an Assistant Secretary of State.

Representative FORD denies having received any personal contribution from FRANCIS KELLOGG, although he does recall a conversation with him shortly after their

introduction in which KELLOGG explained an interest in making a financial contribution to the Republican Booster's Club of the United States House of Representatives. He said KELLOGG issued a personal check in the amount of \$3,000 payable to the Booster's Club and that Representative FORD personally delivered this check to the club. No other monies or contributions of any kind have ever been received from KELLOGG by Representative FORD.

Representative FORD has had no personal or other contact with FRANCIS KELLOGG during the past two or three years. He understands KELLOGG has made a significant and worthwhile contribution to the success of State Department activities in the area of African affairs.

EARL (RED) BLAIK

Representative FORD first met EARL BLAIK in 1940 when BLAIK served as a member of the Dartmouth College football coaching staff and Representative FORD had been a member of the Yale University coaching staff. They have been close personal friends over the years and Representative FORD last had personal contact with EARL BLAIK on the day following President NIXON's announcement of nomination of Representative FORD to the Vice Presidency. On this latter occasion, EARL BLAIK and Representative FORD discussed certain columns appearing under the by-line of DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON, in which both had been prominently mentioned in connection with defense contracts and FBI wire taps.

Representative FORD made specific references to a newspaper column under the by-line of DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON dated December 28, 1967. At that time EARL BLAIK was an official of the AVCO Corporation and the corporation had recently been awarded negotiated

contracts for the production of radio equipment. Representative FORD recalls receiving telephone calls from EARL BLAIK regarding AVCO difficulties in the contracts, which conversations were allegedly recorded by FBI wire taps. In response to a request by EARL BLAIK, Representative FORD made inquiry of Department of Defense officials concerning the contract difficulties; however, he specifically denies having had any influence in canceling Government investigation of the AVCO contracts.

A short time following the above conversations, EARL BLAIK again visited Washington, D.C., and explained the difficulties AVCO had experienced in bidding for additional contracts, which contracts were awarded to the Admiral Corporation at six million or sixteen million dollars below the AVCO bid. EARL BLAIK and AVCO were suspicious of the Admiral bid and were of the opinion Admiral intended to subsequently submit engineering change-over orders, which would result in considerable cost over-runs. In accordance with BLAIK's request, Representative FORD contacted Defense Department officials and requested they determine whether Admiral had been performing the terms of the contract and whether the contract price was deemed feasible for the completion of the contract. Upon learning from Defense Department personnel that Admiral was experiencing no difficulty in the performance of the contract, Representative FORD contacted BLAIK and informed him of the Defense Department findings. Approximately a year later in response to a request from BLAIK in behalf of AVCO, Representative FORD again contacted Defense Department officials and determined the Admiral contract terms were being made and no cost over-runs were being experienced.

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Representative FORD could not recall any other instances wherein he had been requested by BLAIK to conduct an inquiry in behalf of AVCO.

During his last meeting with EARL BLAIK approximately ten days ago, BLAIK described the occasion in 1963 when he telephoned Representative FORD from the hotel suite of FRED B. BLACK. On that occasion BLAIK had traveled to Washington, D. C. for the purpose of discussing the above AVCO contracts with Representative FORD. When registering at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel, BLAIK was advised that no rooms were available to him. However, by agreement with the hotel and FRED BLACK, BLAIK was allowed to use the suite of FRED BLACK, who FORD believes, was out of the city. During telephone conversations, which were allegedly taped by the FBI, EARL BLAIK advised Representative FORD that BLACK was not present in the suite nor in Washington, D. C.

FRED B. BLACK, JR.

Representative FORD advised he has had no personal contact with FRED BLACK and specifically had never interceded in his behalf in the awarding of any Government contracts. Representative FORD advised he has no personal knowledge of BLACK's activities.

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On October 25, 1973 Special Agent JOSEPH W. SPEICHER arranged to interview FRANCIS LEONARD KELLOGG. KELLOGG was unavailable until late that afternoon and had to terminate the interview after approximately one hour due to prior commitments. Since he was leaving the city on business the following morning, he indicated that the interview could not be resumed until October 30, 1973. Prior to his terminating the interview, KELLOGG denied having made any contributions to Representative FORD for the purpose of obtaining an ambassadorship or having made arrangements to make any such contributions. He advised he would check his records for pertinent information prior to being interviewed on October 30, 1973.

THOMAS L. LIAS, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Republican National Committee, 310 1st Street, S.E., advised that he has no specific knowledge pertaining to the 1970 Congressional Campaign of Representative GERALD FORD. Neither LIAS nor Chairman GEORGE BUSH were associated with the Republican National Committee at that time.

LIAS stated that all campaign funds directed to the Congressional Campaign Committee go directly to that organization and nothing is forwarded through the Republican National Committee. This was the procedure in 1970 and it continues in effect.

LIAS indicated that the Republican National Committee has no record of any funds relating to the 1970 campaign of GERALD FORD.

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On October 29, 1973, the office of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is currently in China
until November 10, 1973.

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Greenville, Illinois, advised that he is [REDACTED] and active in dairymen's organizations. He stated that on 10/21/73 [REDACTED] Gannett News Service, Washington, D. C., appeared at his residence and inquired of him concerning conversation [REDACTED] was alleged to have had with [REDACTED] of Illinois concerning cash donation of \$15,000 to GERALD FORD in spring, 1973, at the time dairy support prices were being considered. [REDACTED] stated this was the first he had heard of this allegation; has never met, talked nor written to GERALD FORD and stated he has never made any statement regarding FORD to [REDACTED].

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Greenville, Illinois, advised on October 30, 1973, that he is [REDACTED] and as such has been active over a period of several years in dairymen's organizations. He stated he is on the Board of the Agricultural Dairy Education Political Trust (ADEPT); [REDACTED] the Board of the St. Louis Division, Mid-America Dairymen; [REDACTED] the Corporate Board of the Mid-America Dairymen; and [REDACTED] the National Board of the National Milk Producers Federation.

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Dennett ✓ [redacted] related that on Sunday, October 21, 1973, [redacted] who identified himself as a member of the Washington, D. C. staff of Gannett News Service, appeared at his residence in Greenville, Illinois. [redacted] told [redacted] that a reliable source indicated that \$15,000.00 in cash had been given to GERALD FORD in his office in Washington, D. C. at about the time dairy support prices were being considered by the Congress and that he, [redacted], was the source of this information.

[redacted] stated that he questioned [redacted] regarding his source of information and learned that it was [redacted] of Illinois. [redacted] was supposed to have heard the story at a meeting in Springfield, Illinois, on February 12, 1973, and thereafter, prepared a memorandum for [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he was at a meeting in Springfield, Illinois, on February 12, 1973, at which [redacted] was present, however, at that time he did not speak with [redacted] at any time and certainly was not in possession of the information which [redacted] alleges.

He stated that he is not acquainted with GERALD FORD; has never met, talked nor written to him at any time.

He stated that after his contact with [redacted], he contacted [redacted] in Springfield, Illinois, and [redacted] told him that [redacted] would be in touch with him that day. He said [redacted] has not contacted him since his call to [redacted].

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Synopsis: Interview with Colonel EARL HENRY BLAICK set forth.

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DETAILS:

On October 29, 1973, Colonel EARL HENRY "Red" BLAIK, United States Army Retired, 73-165 Fiddleback Lane, Palm Desert, California, advised SA STANLEY H. FUEHRER that he was Chairman of the Avco Corporation Executive Committee, 1275 King Street, Greenwich, Connecticut, from 1958 through 1969, when he retired. He said he has no official connection with Avco and is simply one of its stockholders. He is currently retired.

Colonel BLAIK advised that he has known the appointee, GERALD FORD, since 1934 when FORD was attending Yale Law School and was employed by Yale as an assistant football coach. He said he, BLAIK, was then coach at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and FORD was active in scouting his team for Yale. He said their friendship and interest in football have continued unabated over the years and he always saw GERALD FORD anytime he was in Washington, D. C. after FORD became the Congressman from Michigan.

Colonel BLAIK said ⁱⁿ ~~that sometime in 1964~~ he recalled an incident concerning the Avco Corporation and its loss of a defense contract. He said in this instance Avco had developed a very valuable communication instrument for the United States Signal Corps known as the VRC-12 and had the defense contracts for its manufacture for a considerable length of time. In 1963 the Motorola Corporation, which had never competed in the military market but had relegated itself to the commercial market, underbid Avco by an astonishing six million dollars and won the contract. He said he was not by any means a lobbyist, however, in the opinion of Avco executives Motorola appeared to have placed itself in the position of having bid so low that it could only proceed by changing the engineering specifications for the VRC-12 and by later submitting unexpected manufacturing overruns to the Defense Department which would have to pay these additional overruns in order to obtain production of this critical item. BLAIK said his objective in going to Washington, D. C. at that particular time was to contact the appointee who was the ranking minority member of the Military Appropriations Committee. He said he intended to warn the appointee about their projections concerning the performance of Motorola on this

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contract and have him maintain contact with the Defense Department to determine how it was proceeding after a few months.

Colonel BLAIK recalled an incident involving a room he was given at the Sheraton - Carlton Hotel in Washington, D. C. during his visit. He always stayed at this hotel and never called ahead for reservations. On this occasion he was unable to obtain a room and the room clerk volunteered to give him a room regularly occupied by FRED BLACK, a known associate of BOBBY BAKER. He only knew BLACK casually and did not like him and avoided him whenever possible. He took his room in this case because of necessity. BLACK never did any favors for him and he did none for BLACK. BLAIK did not know if appointee even knew BLACK although he assumed he must because of BLACK's association with BOBBY BAKER. This came out in a column of DREW PEARSON, now deceased, and JACK ANDERSON. Apparently BLACK's phone at the hotel was tapped and ANDERSON obtained information that he, BLAIK, called GERALD FORD from BLACK's room to tell him that he wanted to talk about the Motorola contract.

Colonel BLAIK said he had written a letter to [redacted] the Avco Corporation, [redacted] dated June 8, 1973, in which he generally and specifically objected to some of Avco's policies. He said one page of this letter carried the specifics of his contact with GERALD FORD concerning the Motorola contract and he made available a copy of this letter which is as follows:

"To be objective, however, I will state my reasons why Avco does not do well in commercial manufacturing. It is because Avco management from the top down has essentially competed in the field of Government contracts and its thinking and success of operation including the shop workmen has been linked to Governmental bureaucratic control. It is an assumption not necessarily correct to suggest that successful management in the area of military contracts qualifies the executive to be equally expert in commercial manufacturing and marketing.

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"The management base which supports the executive head of the diversified blue chip G. E. is a small, exceptionally able group of executives, with authority, knowledgeable and responsible each in his designated field.

"To emphasize my view re commercial manufacturing, I recall in the early 60's when our Cincinnati Division was awarded the largest contract ever given by the Army Signal Corps. It was for \$100 million and Avco had won it on the development of the VRC-12, a field communications unit.

"When the follow-on contract for \$20 million was awarded, Motorola had underbid Avco by the unbelievable amount of \$6 million. Motorola was a commercially oriented company and had never been in Government work. It was uninhibited by the exceedingly costly built-in manufacturing approach common to Government contractors. Avco's response after the shock of losing the contract was to state Motorola bought into the contract and would lose its shirt.

"I went to Washington and filed a protest with the proper congressman to whom the Pentagon then reported monthly as to any changes in specifications, quality of work and schedule of production. At the end of six months, the congressman stated to me not only were there no changes, but the quality of the product was excellent and Motorola was making an acceptable profit. I apologized for our untenable protest. The second follow-on contract Avco greatly reduced its price, but Motorola underbid Avco by \$3 million.

"What this points out even with a product Avco developed and with our best field supervision, the involved plants, Richmond-Cincinnati-Nashville, could not successfully compete with

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"a company oriented to manufacturing products for commercial use. Not only is Avco in its defense plants not geared to compete with a commercially oriented company, but equally important we have no expertise in the field of civilian marketing. Therefore, unless we have a captive market, there is the added difficult task, foreign to management, of building a sales organization competitive in the area of civilian products."

He said this is the complete statement concerning this matter. He reiterated that FORD was acting in his normal capacity as a Congressman sitting in a particular position on a particular committee and he only obtained for BLAIK the information concerning the Defense Department assessment of the Motorola contract. He said that when he learned that Motorola was having an unprecedented success with this contract and had performed in great style he felt very foolish and was extremely embarrassed that he had made such a vigorous protest to FORD and told FORD that he was very much embarrassed by the entire matter. It was a simple matter of Avco being beaten by a better company who could really perform and Avco needs to learn a significant lesson from this. BLAIK said that the protest referred to in paragraph five of the above quoted letter was a verbal protest.

Colonel BLAIK advised that the appointee had never extended either to himself or to Avco any favors as a Congressman and he does not know him to have behaved except in an exemplary manner in anything they were involved in. He regards appointee to be a highly principled man.

Colonel BLAIK commented that when he was in Washington, D. C., shortly after appointee's nomination for the Vice Presidency was announced, he told appointee verbally he was sure DREW PEARSON's comments regarding his telephone call from BLAICK's suite would be resurrected. He said that appointee could not even recall the incident.

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Colonel BLAIR said he could recommend the appointee for a high position in Government such as the Vice Presidency, however, he did not desire to make any comments on his qualifications to be President of the United States because he, BLAIR, has other individuals in his own mind who he feels would be better qualified for that position. However, he highly regards appointee as a person and believes that he is above reproach.

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IN NAME ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER'S BOOK, "THE WASHINGTON
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IN OBTAINING UNITED STATES AMBASSADORSHIP FOR KELLOGG.
KELLOGG NEVER APPOINTED AMBASSADOR BUT IS CURRENTLY AN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

FORD INTERVIEWED 10/27/73 AND DENIED CHARGES, ALTHOUGH
ACKNOWLEDGING CONVERSATIONS WITH KELLOGG. FORD ALSO ADMITS

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ROGERS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH LAW FIRM OF ROGERS AND WELLS, 200 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY. PHONE 212-972-7000.

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